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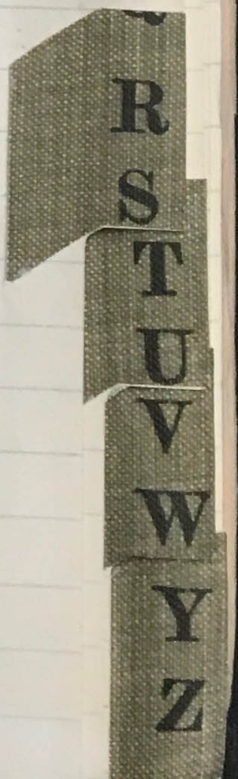
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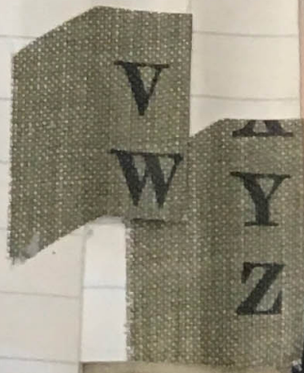
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Construction,

Mint Building,

Denver, Colo., September 1, 1903.

Mr. James A. McConigle,

Denver, Colorado.

Sir:-

I am directed by the Supervising Architect to reject your proposal of the 21st ultimo to substitute brick arches in place of I-beams over the two openings in basement leading to the coal vault in your contract of Completion (except Certain Vaults, Plumbing, etc.), Mint Building, in this city, and I am directed to request of you a proposal stating the amount, in addition to your contract, for which you will increase the width of each of the two said openings as indicated on drawing No. 225, forwarded to you herewith. The I-beams to rest on cast iron plates not less than 1 1/2" thick, bedded in cement mortar to thoroughly equalize the bearing of the beams in the wall, the 15" I-beams now in place in the roof framing of the coal vault to be cut and framed into the new 15" I-beam lintels as indicated on the drawing, and the roof of the coal vault where disturbed to be restored and made good.

Respectfully,

Superintendent.

Construction,

Mint Building,

Denver, Colo., September 1,1903.

Mr.C.E.Kemper,

Acting Supervising Architect,

Treasury Department,Washington, D.C.

Sir:-

I am in receipt of your letter (initial J.C.P.) of the 29th ultimo directing me to reject the proposal of Mr.James A.McGonigle,contractor for the Completion(except Certain Vaults,Plumbing,etc.) Mint Building,in this city,to put in place brick arches over the openings from basement to coal vault of said building,and directing me to request that he submit a proposal for enlarging the openings,placing I-beam lintels,etc., as shown on drawing No.225, and in reply I have to state that I have requested him to submit a proposal which will be forwarded to you immediately upon its receipt.

Respectfully,

Superintendent.

Construction,

Mint Building,

Denver, Colo., September 2, 1903.

The Honorable

The Secretary of the Treasury,

Washington, D.C.

Sir:-

I have to request leave of absence for thirty days, beginning the 15th instant.

I have not had annual leave during the current year.

Respectfully,

Eugene L. Wilson

Watchman.

Respectfully recommended:

Superintendent.

Construction,
Mint Building,
Denver, Colo., September 3, 1903.

Mr. J. K. Taylor,
Supervising Architect,
Treasury Department, Washington, D.C.

Sir:-

I am in receipt of your telegram of this date, as follows: "Leave openings of sufficient size to admit boilers", in the construction of the Mint Building, in this city, and referring to the same will state that I contemplate leaving some of the beams of arches over new portion of the coal vault not connected nor built in, so that the same may be removed to permit lowering the boilers into the coal vault from which they can be moved westward into the Boiler Room.

I understand that it was originally the intention to enter the south basement door with the boilers, but as the said door enters the Engine and Dynamo Room, which it is desired to have completed (with the walls of enameled brick) as early as possible, I considered it necessary to abandon that plan and leave spaces at the coal vault as stated, which I presume will be satisfactory.

Respectfully,

Lee Hall

Superintendent.

Construction,

Mint Building,

Denver, Colo., September 4, 1903.

Mr. C. E. Kemper,

Acting Supervising Architect,

Treasury Department, Washington, D.C.

Sir:-

I am in receipt of your letter (initial J.C.P.) of the 31st ultimo, enclosing copy of Department letter of even date accepting the proposal of Mr. James A. McGonigle, in amount $443.00, for furring and lathing certain roof rafters and for painting exposed rafters, girders, etc., as an addition to his contract for the Completion (except Certain Vaults, Plumbing, etc.) of the Mint Building, in this city, vouchers for which work will be issued in accordance with instructions.

Respectfully,

Superintendent.

Construction,

Mint Building,

Denver, Colo., September 8, 1903.

Mr. J. K. Taylor,

Supervising Architect,

Treasury Department, Washington, D.C.

Sir:-

I am in receipt of your letter (initial F.B.W.) of the 4th instant relative to size of main vent duct for storage vault in Mint Building, in this city, informing me that Department letter of October 6, 1902, changed the size of said duct at the door opening only, reducing it to 3'4" in width, the duct inside the vault to be of the dimensions shown on drawing No. H-81, and I will direct the contractors to put in place said duct of the dimensions stated. They have, however, shipped the said duct here from Philadelphia of size 3'4"x 5" inside the vault, from which it is evident that they understood Department letter of October 6, 1902, to change the size of the said duct throughout.

Respectfully,

Superintendent.

Construction,

Mint Building,

Denver, Colo., September 8, 1904.

Messrs. S. Falth & Company,

Denver, Colorado.

Gentlemen:-

Referring to the size of vent duct entering the storage vault in the Mint Building, in this city, and to be put in place under your contract of Mechanical Equipment for said building, I have to inform you that the dimensions of the duct from point inside the vault are to be as noted on drawing No. M-81 forming part of your contract set, and that the size of said duct at the entrance to the vault, as authorized by Department letter of October 6, 1902, is to be 5" x 38".

Respectfully,

Superintendent.

Construction,

Mint Building,

Denver, Colo., September 8,1903.

Mr.J.K.Taylor,

Supervising Architect,

Treasury Department, Washington, D.C.

Sir:-

I am in receipt of your letter (initial F.B.W.) of the 5th instant, enclosing copy of certain correspondence from Mr.James A. McConigle,contractor for the Completion(except Certain Vaults,Plumbing,etc.) of the Mint Building,in this city,together with a copy of Office letter of even date replying thereto, the contents of which have been noted and the letters have been placed on file.

Respectfully,

Lee Utley

Superintendent.

Construction,

Mint Building,

Denver, Colo., September 8,1903.

Mr.J.K.Taylor,

Supervising Architect,

Treasury Department,Washington, D.C.

Sir:-

I am in receipt of your letter (initial F.H.W.) of the 4th instant,enclosing copy of Office letter of even date addressed to Mr. James A.McGonigle,contractor for the Completion(except Certain Vaults, Plumbing,etc.) of the Mint Building,in this city,relative to the approval of shop drawings Nos.226 and 227 for vent shaft to be supplied under said contract,copies of which drawings have also been received and placed on file.

Respectfully,

Lee Kelley

Superintendent.

Construction,

Mint Building,

Denver, Colo., September 8,1903.

Mr.J.K.Taylor,

Supervising Architect,

Treasury Department, Washington, D.C.

Sir:-

I am in receipt of your letter (initial J.C.P.) of the 5th instant,enclosing copy of Department letter of even date accepting the proposal of Mr.James A.McGonigle,in amount $27.50,as an addition to his contract for the Completion(except Certain Vaults,Plumbing,etc.), Mint Building,in this city, for building a 6" tile partition in the attic of said building, vouchers for which work will be issued in accordance with instructions.

Respectfully,

Jas. Kelley

Superintendent.

Construction,

Mint Building,

Denver, Colo., September 8,1903.

Mr.J.K.Taylor,

Supervising Architect,

Treasury Department, Washington, D.C.

Sir:-

I am in receipt of your letter (initial F.B.W.) of the 6th instant,conveying instructions regarding the tints desired for the painting of work included under Mr.James A.McGonigle's contract for the Completion(except Certain Vaults,Plumbing,etc.) of the Mint Building,in this city, and in reply I have to state that the work will be performed accordingly.

Respectfully,

Lees Billing.

Superintendent.

Construction,

Mint Building,

Denver, Colo., September 9,1903.

Mr.James A.McGonigle,

Denver, Colorado.

Sir:-

Referring to the specification for painting of work under your contract of Completion(except Certain Vaults,Plumbing,etc.) Mint Building,in this city, which states that the finishing tint in several cases shall be approved, I have to inform you that the desired tints are as follows:

Exterior Iron Work,generally,.....Black,dull finish.

C.I.Tops of Vent Shafts,.....Dark Olive Green.

Outside Window Frames..... " " "

Sashes ..... " " "

Exterior Copper Work ..... " " "

Exterior Wood Work ..... " " "

Cement Wainscot in Rooms and Corridors ..... " " "

Plaster along Rear Stairs ..... " " "
with Red Border.

Cement Plaster in Light Shafts .....White

Stain for Wood Floors .....Dark Oak.

Respectfully,

Lee Allen

Superintendent.

Construction,

Mint Building,

Denver, Colo., September 9,1903.

Mr.J.K.Taylor,

Supervising Architect,

Treasury Department, Washington, D.C.

Sir:-

As directed in your letter (initial G.W.D.) of the 18th ultimo,I requested Messrs.S.Faith & Company,contractors for the Mechanical Equipment of the Mint Building,in this city, to submit a proposal for additional electric wire conduits for outlets in Well Room,Gas Generating Plant and Blower Room(a copy of my letter of August 22nd, is herewith enclosed),and in reply I have received the enclosed proposal,in amount $50.00,for said work, which is deemed reasonable and I recommend its acceptance.

I have conferred with Mr.N.S.Thompson,Inspector,Heating, Hoisting and Ventilating Apparatus,who is confined to his room on account of sickness,in regard to this work and he concurs with me in the recommendation of the proposal. The conduits to be run and outlets provided as indicated on the sketch herewith enclosed.

Respectfully,

Superintendent.

Construction,

Mint Building,

Denver, Colo., September 9,1903.

Mr.J.K.Taylor,

Supervising Architect,

Treasury Department, Washington, D.C.

Sir:-

As directed in your letter (initial O.W.D.) of the 15th ultimo, I informed Messrs.S.Faith & Co.,contractors for the Mechanical Equipment of the Mint Building,in this city, of the rejction of their proposal,in amount $334.00,for placing certain electrical conduits in said building and requested them to submit a revised proposal(a copy of my letter of August 18th is herewith enclosed), and in response to said letter have received the enclosed reply stating that $332.00,is the lowest amount for which their sub-contractors will perform the work.

After conferring with Mr.M.S.Thompson,Inspector,Heating,Hoisting and Ventialting Apparatus, in regard to this work,we have concluded to recommend the amount as reasonable in view of the present condition of the work and the necessity of placing the conduits,etc.,at this time, and I therefore recommend the acceptance of the proposal.

Respectfully,

Lee Allen

Superintendent.

Construction,

Mint Building,

Denver, Colo., September 9,1903.

Mr.J.K.Taylor,

Supervising Architect,

Treasury Department, Washington, D.C.

Sir:-

As directed in your letter (initial J.C.P.) of the 26th ultimo,I have requested Messrs.S.Paith & Company,contractors for the Mechanical Equipment of the Mint Building,in this city, to submit a proposal for cutting two chases in the basement walls of toilet room No.1 (a copy of my letter of August 28th,is herewith enclosed), and in reply I have received the enclosed proposal,in amount $60.00,for said work which is deemed reasonable considering the fact that the walls are of hard brick,laid in Portland cement and very difficult to cut, and I recommend the acceptance of said proposal.

Respectfully,

Superintendent.

Construction,

Mint Building,

Denver, Colo., September 10,1903.

Mr.J.K.Taylor,

Supervising Architect,

Treasury Department, Washington, D.C.

Sir:-

Referring to my letter of March 5th,last, returning to yo. shop drawings for the marble work in toilet rooms to be put in place under Messrs.S.Faith & Company's contract for the Mechanical Equip - ment of the Mint Building,in this city, I have to say that the matter of trim at doors in toilet rooms was not mentioned in said letter as the said trim was not indicated on the plans. A representative of the sub-contractors for the marble work has been taking measurements at the building and I informed him that the inside trim of doors and windows is to be of marble and is included in their contract,the same being specified by paragraph No.274 of the specification for the Mechanical Equipment,which he did not understand to be the case, and I would suggest that the contractors be informed at this time that the jointing of marble work abutting door trim must be made to permit the placing of said door trim which must extend from floor to the head of the door in one piece each,and the trim over the doors to be of such length as to extend from outside to outside of the door casing beneath same and the width of the trim in each case to be 4 1/2 inches.

Respectfully,

Superintendent.

Construction,

Mint Building,

Denver, Colo., September 10,1903.

Not sent

Messrs.S.Faith & Company,

Denver, Colorado.

Gentlemen:-

I have to request that you will state the amount,in addition to your contract for the Mechanical Equipment of the Mint Building,in this city, for which you will furnish and put in place an 8 inch pipe sleeve in the north wall of the Blower Room,through which you will run the 8 inch drain pipe shown on drawing No.P-75,near the area wall at the northeast corner of said building. An opening will be left in the concrete wall for the placing of said pipe sleeve which will be of galvanized iron pipe similar to the sleeves to be provided and placed in the brick and terra cotta walls elsewhere in the building through which your pipes are run and as called for by paragraph No.146 of the specification for your work.

Respectfully,

Superintendent.

Construction,

Mint Building,

Denver, Colo., September 12,1903.

Mr.J.K.Taylor,

Supervising Architect,

Treasury Department,Washington,D.C.

Sir:-

I am in receipt of your letter (initial J.C.P.) of the 9th instant,enclosing copy of Department letter of even date accepting the proposal of Mr.James A.McGonigle,in amount $133.00,as an addition to his contract for the Completion (except Certain Vaults,Plumbing,&c.), Mint Building,in this city, for placing certain registers in the attic of said building, vouchers for which work will be issued in accordance with instructions.

Respectfully,

Superintendent.

Construction,

Mint Building,

Denver, Colo., September 12,1903.

Mr.J.K.Taylor,

Supervising Architect,

Treasury Department,Washington, D.C.

Sir:-

I am in receipt of your letter (initial J.C.P.) of the 9th instant,enclosing copy of Department letter of even date accepting the proposal of Mr.James A.McGonigle,in amount $160.00,as an addition to his contract of Completion(except Certain Vaults,Plumbing,etc.) Mint Building,in this city, for furnishing tie rods in steel beam construction over coal vault,ash room,&c.,at said building, vouchers for which work will be issued in accordance with instructions.

Respectfully,

Superintendent.

Construction,

Mint Building,

Denver, Colo., September 14,1903.

Mr.J.K.Taylor,

Supervising Architect,

Treasury Department, Washington,D.C.

Sir:-

I am in receipt of your letter (initial J.C.T.) of the 9th instant,enclosing copy of Office letter of even date addressed to Mr. James A.McGonigle,contractor for the Completion(except Certain Vaults, Plumbing,etc.) of the Mint Building,in this city,approving sample of chipped glass submitted for use under his contract,which sample has also been received and placed on file for reference during construction of the work.

Respectfully,

Superintendent.

Construction,

Mint Building,

Denver,Colo., September 14,1903.

Mr.C.E.Kemper,

Chief Executive Officer,Office of Supervising Architect,

Treasury Department, Washington, D.C.

Sir:-

I have to request authority to expend Thirty Dollars ($30.) for telephone service for the quarter beginning October 1,1903; Eighteen Dollars and Forty Cents ($18.40) for four tons of coal(2240 lbs. each), and One Dollar and Twenty-five Cents ($1.25) for one new window light,recently broken by hail, in the temporary office at the Mint Building,in this city, under my charge.

Respectfully,

Superintendent.

Completed	25% Completed
50% "	" "
None	Not begun
20% Completed	" "
80% "	" "
50% "	(Fireproof) Completed
10% "	Not begun
95% "	25% Completed
50% "	75% "
	Not begun

The character of work performed by Messrs.S.Faith & Co.,on Mechanical Equipment and by Mr.James A.McGonigle on contract for Completion(except Certain Vaults,Plumbing,etc.), is satisfactory.

No work has yet been done by The Diebold Safe & Lock Company under their contract for Burglar Proof Vaults.

Mechanics employed; 6 bricklayers,1 painter,5 lathers,1 stone mason, 39 granite cutters,2 plumbers,7 carpenters, 6 plasterers, 1 steam fitter,19 electricians and 40 laborers.

Respectfully.

Superintendent.

Construction,

Mint Building,

Denver, Colo., September 16, 1903.

Mr. J. K. Taylor,

Supervising Architect,

Treasury Department, Washington, D.C.

Sir:-

I am in receipt of your letter (initial F.B.W.) of the 11th instant enclosing copy of Office letter of even date addressed to S. Faith & Company, contractors for the Mechanical Equipment of the Mint Building, in this city, approving marble submitted for use for cove floor borders in toilet rooms of said building, sample of the approved marble having also been received and placed on file for reference during construction of the work.

Respectfully,

Superintendent.

Construction,

Mint Building,

Denver, Colo., September 16, 1903.

Mr. J. K. Taylor,

Supervising Architect,

Treasury Department, Washington, D.C.

Sir:-

I enclose herewith a request from Messrs. S. Faith & Company, contractors for the Mechanical Equipment, Mint Building, in this city, for permission to substitute cast iron pipe sleeves in lieu of galvanized pipe sleeves through brick and terra cotta walls of the building, the galvanized pipe being required by paragraph #146 of the specification for their work.

As the cast iron pipe sleeve can be obtained and placed readily and apparently will answer every purpose equally as well as the galvanized iron pipe, I recommend that permission be given the contractors to use the cast iron pipe in order to avoid delay in said portion of the work.

Respectfully,

Superintendent.

I concur in the recommendation to substitute cast iron pipe for galvanized iron pipe.

Inspector, Heating, Hoisting & Ventilating Apparatus.

Construction,

Mint Building,

Denver, Colo., September 16,1903.

Messrs.S.Faith & Company,

N.S.T Denver, Colorado.

Gentlemen:-

I have to request that you state the amounts,in addition to your contract for the Mechanical Equipment of the Mint Building,in this city, for which you will substitute the best grade of asbestos covered electric wire in conduits as follows: One amount for said wire run in conduits at ceiling in Boiler and Economizer Room; a second amount for wire run in conduits at ceiling in Engine and Dynamo Room, and a third amount for wires in conduits run above the brick arches in first floor construction directly over the Boiler and Economizer Room,in lieu of the slow burning weather-proof wire required by paragraph #857 of the specfication for work under your contract.

Your proposal should be accompanied by a sample of the asbestos covered wire which you propose to use.

Respectfully,

Lee Chilcoy

Superintendent.

Construction,

Mint Building,

Denver, Colo., September 17,1903.

To the

Supervising Architect,

Treasury Department, Washington, D.C.

Sir:-

Referring to instructions dated April 11th, initials "E.A.C.", I have the honor to submit herewith my report.

The work in place forming part of the Mechanical Equipment (except engines and generators), embraced in a contract with S.Faith & Company, has been installed in accordance with the terms of the agreement.

The work of installing the electric wire conduits is very nearly completed.

The work of installing the plumbing and outside drainage system and the heating and ventilating apparatus is progressing slowly.

The representative of the contractors upon my request has endeavored (without success) to hasten the shipment of the boilers from the shops.

Unless the boilers are delivered at the building in the near future, the work of installing the Mechanical Equipment will be greatly delayed.

Respectfully,

O. S. Hampson

Inspector, Heating, Hoisting & Ventilating Apparatus.

Forwarded through the Superintendent of Construction.

Jas. Gilbert

DENVER, NEW MINT.

TREASURY DEPARTMENT,
Office Supervising Architect,
September 14, 1903.

Respectfully referred to Mr. Lee Ullery, Superintendent of Construction, Mint Bldg. Denver, Colo., and attention invited to the error made in the statement of the account on the face of the voucher. If it was the intention to provide for a payment on account of $1600.00, the figures relative to the value of the work not completed must be changed. The difference between this value and the amount called for by the contract under the appropriation for new machinery is only $200.00 instead of $2,000.00, as stated in the voucher.

Actg. Chief Executive Officer.

Construction,

Mint Building,

Denver, Col., Sept. 18, 1903.

Respectfully returned to Mr. J. A. Sutherland, Actg. Chief Executive Officer, Office of Supervising Architect, Treasury Department, Washington, D.C., with information that figures indicating amount of work not completed on within voucher were incorrect and have been changed. The amount of work completed and the net amount of the voucher were correct.

I have to request information as to the title of the appropriation since the same has been changed at the head of the voucher. Instructions in Office circular Feb. 17, 1902, require "title to be quoted word for word as given in letters of authorization from the Department", and letter of August 9, 1902, accepting the contractor's proposal and Office letter of Aug. 11, 1902, authorizing me to certify and issue vouchers refers to appropriation for "New Machinery, Denver Mint".

Superintendent.

Construction,

Mint Building,

Denver, Colo., September 18,1903.

Mr.J.K.Taylor,

Supervising Architect,

Treasury Department, Washington,D.C.

Sir:-

I am in receipt of your letter (initial J.C.P.) of the 14th instant enclosing copy of Office telegram(of even date) sent to Mr.James A.McGonigle,contractor for the Completion(except Certain Vaults,Plumbing,etc.) Mint Building,in this city, rejecting sample of pulley submitted by him for use under said contract, and the same has been placed on file.

Respectfully,

Superintendent.

Construction,

Mint Building,

Denver, Colo., September 18,1903.

Mr.J.K.Taylor,

Supervising Architect,

Treasury Department,Washington,D.C.

Sir:-

I am in receipt of Department letter (initial H.G.S.) of the 15th instant directing me to visit the Post Office building at Pueblo, Colorado, and in reply will state that I will likely go to Pueblo to-morrow and make the visit and report as directed.

Respectfully,

Lee Allen

Superintendent.

Construction,

Mint Building,

Denver, Colo., September 19,1903.

Mr.James P.Bow,

Acting Supervising Architect,

Treasury Department,Washington, D.C.

Sirs-

In the absence of the Superintendent in Pueblo,Colorado, I have to acknowledge the receipt of your letter(initial F.A.W.) of the 15th instant,enclosing copy of Office letter of even date addressed to Mr.James A.McGonigle,contractor for the Completion(except Certain Vaults,Plumbing,etc.) of the Mint Building,in this city,approving shop drawings Nos.228 and 229 for certain work in connection with the bumpers in machine room,etc.,one print each of said drawings having also been received and placed on file.

Respectfully,

Dear Minnicks

Clerk.

Construction,

Mint Building,

Denver, Colo., September 19, 1903.

Mr. James P. Low,

Acting Supervising Architect,

Treasury Department, Washington, D.C.

Sir:-

In the absence of the Superintendent on official business in Pueblo, Colorado, I have to acknowledge the receipt of your letter (initial H.G.S.) of the 15th instant, enclosing specification and drawings for certain alterations in the Post Office building, in this city, which matter will receive Mr. Ullery's attention as soon as he returns to this city.

Respectfully,

Boar Simmons

Clerk.

Construction,

Mint Building,

Denver, Colo., September 19, 1903.

Mr. James P. Low,

Acting Supervising Architect,

Treasury Department, Washington, D.C.

Sir:-

In the absence of the Superintendent in Pueblo, Colorado, I have to acknowledge the receipt of your letter (initial F.S.W.) of the 16th instant, enclosing copy of Office letter of even date, addressed to Messrs. S. Faith & Company, contractors for the Mechanical Equipment of the Mint Building, in this city, approving certain drawings submitted by them showing the general layout of elevator plant to be installed under their contract, a set of the approved drawings (E-230 to E-232, inc.) having also been received and placed on file.

Respectfully,

Clerk.

Construction,

Mint Building,

Denver, Colo., September 21, 1903.

Mr. J. K. Taylor,

Supervising Architect,

Treasury Department, Washington, D.C.

Sir:-

I have to request that you will send me a supply of blank vouchers, Form 13, for traveling expenses, for the use of myself and Mr. N. S. Thompson, Inspector, Heating, Hoisting and Ventilating Apparatus.

Respectfully,

Lee Ullery

Superintendent.

Construction,

Mint Building,

Denver, Colo., September 21, 1903.

Mr. J.K. Taylor,

Supervising Architect,

Treasury Department, Washington, D.C.

Sir:-

I forward herewith voucher, in duplicate, for traveling expenses incurred while visiting the Post Office building at Pueblo, Colorado, in accordance with instructions in Department letter (initial H.G.S.) of the 15th instant.

Respectfully,

Superintendent.

Construction,

Mint Building,

Denver, Colo., September 21,1903.

Mr.James P.Low,

Acting Supervising Architect,

Treasury Department,Washington,D.C.

Sir:-

I am in receipt of your letter (initial H.G.S.) of the 16th instant,forwarding tracings,blue prints and specification for modifications and alterations in the Post Office and Court House,in this city,in which letter you suggest leaving the wall of the toilet room in the third story undisturbed and permit the jury to occupy the third story room adjoining the same, and in reply I have to state that the Railway Mail Service occupies two rooms in the third story (marked "Y" and "Z" on the enclosed tracing,numbered 3),and said rooms are now fully occupied and the officials protest against removal to smaller quarters, and it seems to me their service would be hampered if they are required to move into smaller rooms. It was for this reason that the Custodian and myself suggested removing the partition,etc., of toilet room which would make the room adjoining same practically as large as room "Z" on the plan,and room "X" would equal room "Y",and we were thus enabled to get the Railway Mail clerks to acquiesce in the change. The expense of moving the partition is the only objection to said change,as the toilet room will be amply large

it so modified and accommodations for the service must be provided for a period of ten or fifteen years, so that the item of expense is not so important in view of the additional space provided for said service for such a term of years. I have again conferred with the Railway Mail people and endeavored to induce them to take the smaller quarters, but without success and I recommend that said change be made.

The plans shown herewith and the specification for the work have met the approval of all the officials concerned, except that the United States Marshal, who approved the change and agreed to move on the third floor when the matter was first under consideration, changed his mind later and objects to being moved from the second floor, saying that he considers it necessary for the Marshal's office to be on the same floor with the court. The Judge, however, does not consider it necessary and recommended making the changes as suggested by the tracings. In view of all conditions and the necessity for additional space immediately for the service, I recommend the adoption of the plan and suggest that the Custodian be requested to obtain bids as early as possible for the said changes, which it appears will afford every necessary relief to all branches of the service in said building, except in the post office working room which is badly crowded and for which the Custodian and myself have been unable to suggest any relief.

Respectfully,

Lee Keller

Superintendent.

Construction,

Mint Building,

Denver, Colo., September 21,1903.

Mr.James P.Low,

Acting Supervising Architect,

Treasury Department,Washington,D.C.

Sir:-

I am in receipt of your letter (initial F.B.W.) of the 17th instant enclosing copy of Office letter of even date,addressed to Messrs.S.Faith & Company,contractors for the Mechanical Equipment of the Mint Building,in this city,relative to placing the wires in conduits under their contract,and referring to the same will say that it would seem advisable to defer drawing the wires into the conduits until the concrete,etc.,has been put in place,as provided by the specification for their work.

Respectfully,

Lee Hibbard

Superintendent.

Construction.

Mint Building,

Denver, Colo., September 21, 1905.

Messrs. S. Faith & Company,

Denver, Colorado.

Gentlemen:-

Referring to shop drawings showing jointing or marble partitions, etc. in toilet rooms under your contract, Mechanical Equipment, Mint Building, in this city, I have to call your attention to the fact that the jointing of marble trim around doors, etc., as provided by paragraph #274 of the specification for your work, was not shown on said plans, and the Supervising Architect directs me to inform you that the trim of doors in all toilet rooms is to be 6 inches wide and for the windows to be as shown on drawing P-72, the door trim to extend from floor line to head of doors in one piece each, and over the doors to be of such length as to extend from outside to outside of door casing, all of said trim at doors and windows in toilet rooms to be included in the marble work under your contract.

Respectfully,

Superintendent.

Construction,

Mint Building,

Denver, Colo., September 21, 1903.

Mr. James P. Low,

Acting Supervising Architect,

Treasury Department, Washington, D.C.

Sir:-

I am in receipt of your letter (initial F.B.W.) of the 17th instant, relative to inside trim of doors in toilet rooms, which trim is to be placed by Messrs. S. Faith & Company, contractors for the Mechanical Equipment of the Mint Building, in this city, and in reply I have to state that I have informed the contractors as requested in your letter.

Respectfully,

Superintendent.

Construction,

Mint Building,

Denver, Colo., September 28, 1903.

The Diebold Safe & Lock Company,

Canton, Ohio.

Gentlemen:-

Referring to your letter of July 23rd, last, relative to time of supplying vaults E, F, G & H for the Mint Building, in this city, from which letter I am led to believe that you can now inform me as to the time of placing said vaults, I have to ask for such information as you can now give regarding the same as it is desired to have the said vaults, especially E & F placed as early as possible in order to permit the placing of other work of the interior finish. I have also to ask whether it would be possible for you to place said vaults (E & F) if the contractor for the interior finish should now put in place the terra cotta partitions between said vaults and the first story stair hall, and if you could afterward put in place said vaults and would agree to do so under your contract the stairs and partitions, including the marble work, &c., could now be placed which would hasten the completion of work under the interior finish contract.

Thanking you in advance for the information requested and hoping that it will be possible and agreeable for you to place said vaults after the partitions are set, I am

Respectfully,

Superintendent.

Construction,

Mint Building,

Denver, Colo., September 22, 1903.

Mr. J. N. Mitchell,

Custodian, U.S. Post Office Building,

Pueblo, Colorado.

Dear Sir:-

I send you herewith specification, tracing and blue print showing the proposed change in your building to provide for registry service as per our conversation on Saturday and Sunday. The drawing is marked 1-A, and drawing M-12 referred to is the usual office drawing that shows the construction of vault doors, and this the Department will furnish when they forward the work to you when they ask for bids for the work.

I wish you would look over the specification and drawing carefully and make any suggestions you wish on a separate sheet, then write on the face of the specification and on the tracing the words "Approved" and sign your name as Custodian and return the specification and tracing to me to-morrow evening, if possible. The blue print you can retain. Then on Thursday I will incorporate on the tracing any changes you suggest and send the same to Washington at once with the hope that the Department will authorize you to obtain bids for the work as early as possible.

The specification and the several drawings that I obtained Sunday have been returned to you to-day by mail and I would suggest that

you hand them to Mr. Morton and ask him to put the drawings and specification in the roll I left with him which is the remainder of the set to which these drawings belong. It is better to keep the entire set intact so that if he puts them together and places them in the vault in Mr. Osgood's room they will be accessible for future reference, etc.

Hoping to receive the specification and tracing 4-A on Thursday morning with your suggestions, I am

Respectfully,

Leo Eckley

Superintendent.

Construction,

Mint Building,

Denver, Colo., September 22, 1903.

Mr. James P. Low,

Acting Supervising Architect,

Treasury Department, Washington, D.C.

Sir:-

I am in receipt of your letter (initial G.W.D.) of the 19th instant enclosing copy of Office letter of even date, addressed to Messrs. S. Smith & Company, contractors for the Mechanical Equipment of the Mint Building, in this city, accepting their proposal, in amount $50.00, as an addition to said contract to provide additional wire conduits for outlets in Well Room, Gas Generating Plant and Blower Room of said building, vouchers for which work will be issued in accordance with instructions.

Respectfully,

Leo Eilers

Superintendent.

Construction.

Mint Building,

Denver, Colo., September 23, 1903.

Mr. James P. Low,

Acting Supervising Architect,

Treasury Department, Washington, D.C.

Sir:-

I am in receipt of your letter (initial O.W.D.) of the 19th instant, enclosing copy of Office letter of even date addressed to Messrs. S. Faith & Company, contractors for the Mechanical Equipment of the Mint Building, in this city, accepting their proposal, in amount $60., as an addition to said contract to cut two chases in basement walls of toilet room No. 1 of said building, vouchers for which work will be issued in accordance with instructions.

Respectfully,

Superintendent.

Construction,

Mint Building,

Denver, Colo., September 22, 1903.

Mr. James P. Low,

Acting Supervising Architect,

Treasury Department, Washington, D.C.

Sir:-

I am in receipt of your letter (initial F.B.W.) of the 18th instant, enclosing copy of Office letter of even date addressed to The Diebold Safe & Lock Company, approving shop drawings Nos. 4580, 4581, 4583, 4584, 4586 to 4608, inclusive, for certain vault work under their contract for Burglar Proof Vaults, Mint Building, in this city, and I am also in receipt of copies of said drawings which have been placed on file.

Respectfully,

Superintendent.

Construction,

Mint Building,

Denver, Colo., September 24, 1903.

Mr. J. H. Mitchell,

Custodian, U.S. Post Office Building,

Pueblo, Colorado.

Dear Sir:-

I am in receipt of drawings and specification from your office which are a part of the original contract set for the build-ing under your charge and which were sent to you on the 22nd instant for you to have Mr. Morton put with other old drawings for the building; but I have not received the tracing and specification showing the changes to accommodate the Registry Service which I mailed to you on the 22nd instant and asked you to return to me in order that I might forward the same to Washington, from which it appears to be clear that Mr. Morton sent me the set to be filed and filed the set which should have been sent to me. I will be pleased to have you look into this matter and correct the error in order that I may forward the new tracing and new specification to the De-partment as early as possible.

I return herewith the old drawings and old specification to be put with the other old drawings, as stated in my letter.

Respectfully,

Superintendent.

Construction

Mint Building,

Denver, Colo., September 25, 1903.

Mr. J. A. Wetmore,

Acting Chief Executive Officer,

Office of the Supervising Architect,

Treasury Department, Washington, D.C.

Sir:-

I am in receipt of your letter (initial P.) of the 21st instant in reference to correct wording of the appropriation for "New Machinery, Mint at Denver", in issuing vouchers on account of said work, and in reply I have to state that said caption will be used in the future preparation of vouchers for this work.

Respectfully,

Superintendent.

Construction,

Mint Building,

Denver, Colo., September 25, 1903.

Mr. J. K. Taylor,

Supervising Architect,

Treasury Department, Washington, D.C.

Sir:-

I am in receipt of your letter (initial J.C.P.) of the 21st instant relative to channels, angles, etc., shown in Section 17-18 on drawing M-85 for work of Mechanical Equipment of the Mint Building, in this city, and I have requested the contractors to submit a proposal for the omission of the framing angle, as directed.

Respectfully,

Superintendent.

Construction,

Mint Building,

Denver, Colo., September 25, 1903.

Mr. C. E. Kemper,

Supervising Architect,

Treasury Department, Washington, D.C.

Sir:-

As directed in your letter (initial J.C.P.) of the 29th ultimo, I requested Mr. James A. McConigle, contractor for the Completion (except Certain Vaults, Plumbing, etc), Mint Building, in this city, to submit a proposal stating the amount, in addition to his contract, for which he would make the alterations in the doorways leading from the basement to the coal vault and the placing of I beam lintels over the same, as indicated on drawing #2nb (a copy of my letter of the 1st instant being herewith enclosed), and in response have received the enclosed proposal, in amount $1,075. for making said alterations.

The brickwork in the basement walls and arches of coal vault, &c., having been laid in Portland cement, is very difficult to cut, so that a large amount was included in said proposal for that portion of the work, and as the arches and top of coal vault and the basement wall above the openings must be cut out practically to the water table, in order to cut the present beams and frame the new beams to the same, which will necessitate the placing of new arches and re-covering, practically, the entire top

of coal vault to make the work satisfactory, the cost of which must be added the shoring up of the present top of original vault, the value of new beams, plates, etc. (the beams originally intended for use here have been delivered and cut, so that but little allowance has been made for the same), and after carefully considering the value of the changes as indicated on drawing #225, I consider the proposal very reasonable and recommend its acceptance.

Respectfully,

Superintendent.

Construction,

Mint Building,

Denver, Colo., September 25, 1903.

Mr. J. R. Taylor,

Supervising Architect,

Treasury Department, Washington, D.C.

Sir:-

I am in receipt of your letter (initial S.) of the 22nd instant, enclosing copy of Office letter addressed to Messrs. S. Faith & Company, contractors for the Mechanical Equipment of the Mint Building, in this city, in reference to delay in furnishing boilers under their contract, and in reply I have to state that I will advise you from time to time in regard to the matter, as directed.

Respectfully,

Superintendent.

Construction,
Mint Building,
Denver, Colo., September 25, 1902.

Mr. J. K. Taylor,
Supervising Architect,
Treasury Department, Washington, D.C.

Sir:

I am in receipt of your letter (initial J.C.P.) of the 22nd instant, enclosing copy of Office letter of even date addressed to Mr. James A. McConigle, contractor for the Completion (except Certain Vaults, Plumbing, etc.) of the Mint Building, in this city, regarding the use of quarter sawed yellow pine in connection with said contract, which latter has been placed on file.

Respectfully,

Superintendent.

Construction,

Mint Building,

Denver, Colo., September 25, 1903.

M. J. K. Taylor,

Supervising Architect,

Treasury Department, Washington, D.C.

Sir:-

I am in receipt of your letter (initial W.B.W.) of the 22nd instant, enclosing copy of Office letter of even date addressed to Messrs. S. Faith & Company, contractors for the Mechanical Equipment of the Mint Building, in this city, granting permission to use cast iron pipe sleeves in lieu of galvanized sleeves through brick and terra cotta walls of said building in accordance with their request.

Respectfully,

Leo Gilday

Superintendent.

Construction,

Mint Building,

Denver, Colo., September 25, 1903.

Messrs. S. Walth & Company,
Denver, Colorado.

Gentlemen:-

I have to request that you will state the amount to be deducted from the sum to be paid you under your contract for the Mechanical Equipment of the Mint Building, in this city, for the omission of the 2 1/4" x 4" framing angle shown in Section 17-18, on drawing H-65 (being near stack from Deposit Melting Room), the framing for ducts to be connected with the I beam now in place.

Respectfully,

Superintendent.

Construction,

Mint Building,

Denver, Colo., September 25, 1905.

Mr. J. K. Taylor,

Supervising Architect,

Treasury Department, Washington, D.C.

Sir:-

As directed in Department letter (initial H.C.S.) of the 15th instant, I went to Pueblo, Colorado, on the 19th instant and made an examination of the Post Office building on the 19th and 20th relative to the necessity for additional space for the transaction of the money order and registry business in said building, and after conference with the postmaster, I prepared a drawing and specification for the work we considered necessary for the accommodation of the service, taking into consideration future growth of the business which appears absolutely certain, and I forward herewith the tracing of said drawing and copy of the specification which have met the approval of the postmaster (who is also custodian) as will be seen from the endorsement.

The work in the Registry and Money Order Divisions has been carried on in one room which is exceedingly small for the present service on ordinary occasions, and for holiday business and other frequent special occasions the postmaster informs me that it is almost impossible to transact the business of said divisions in the space allotted to them. It appears to be advisable to separate said divisions, thus giving each

more room as indicated by the plan, and I recommend that favorable early action be taken on the said work so that bids may be obtained and a contract made by the end of October, next, at the latest, to permit the completion of the work early in December.

I estimate the cost of the work, exclusive of metal front boxes and drawers in the two new bays of post office screen, at $2,500. The boxes for letters to be about 8" x 6", some of the letter boxes now in the bays of the post office screen being too small for convenient use, and the drawers should be larger in order that mail for corporations doing business in said city and for newspapers can be accommodated.

Respectfully,

Superintendent.

Construction,

Mint Building,

Denver, Colo., September 26th,1903.

To the

Supervising Architect,

Treasury Department, Washington, D.C.

Sir:-

Referring to instructions dated April 11th,initials "E.A. C.", I have the honor to submit herewith my report.

The work in place forming part of the Mechanical Equipment (except engines and generators),embraced in a contract with S.Faith & Co., has been installed in accordance with the terms of the agreement.

About 25% of the plumbing, about 25% of the heating and ventilating apparatus and about 75% of the electric wiring and conduits have been installed.

No other portions of the Mechanical Equipment have been installed.

Respectfully,

Inspector,Heating,Hoisting & Ventilating Apparatus.

Forwarded through the
Superintendent of Construction.

Construction,

Mint Building,

Denver, Colo., September 28, 1903.

Mr. J. K. Taylor,

Supervising Architect,

Treasury Department, Washington, D.C.

Sir:-

I am in receipt of your letter (initial F.B.W.) of the 24th instant, enclosing copy of Office letter of even date addressed to Messrs. S. Paith & Company, contractors for the Mechanical Equipment of the Mint Building, this city, approving certain prints and cuts submitted for use under said contract, and I am also in receipt of a set of the approved prints and cuts which have been placed on file.

Respectfully,

Superintendent.

Construction,
Mint Building,
Denver, Colo., September 28, 1903.

Mr. J. K. Taylor,

Supervising Architect,

Treasury Department, Washington, D.C.

Sir:-

I am in receipt of your letter (initial G.W.D.) of the 24th instant, enclosing copy of Department letter of even date, accepting the proposal of S. Faith & Company, in amount $332.00, as an addition to their contract for the Mechanical Equipment of the Mint Building, this city, for additional electric conduits, wires, etc., vouchers for which work will be issued in accordance with instructions.

Respectfully,

Lee Cubbon

Superintendent.

Construction,

Mint Building,

Denver, Colo., September 28th, 1903.

Mr. J. A. Taylor;

Supervising Architect,

Treasury Department, Washington, D.C.

Sir:-

I am in receipt of your letter (initial F.H.W.) of the 24th instant, enclosing copy of Office letter of even date addressed to Messrs. S. Raith & Company, contractors for the Mechanical Equipment of the Mint Building, in this city, relative to approval of sample switch, drawings of board, etc., submitted for use under their contract, and I am also in receipt of the sample switch which has been placed on file for reference during construction of the work.

Respectfully,

Superintendent.

Construction,

Mint Building,

Denver, Colo., September 29th, 1903.

Mr. J. K. Taylor,

Supervising Architect,

Treasury Department, Washington, D.C.

Sir:-

I am in receipt of your letter (initial G.W.D.) of the 24th instant, confirming Office telegram of the 23rd instant, as follows: "Issue vouchers, McGonigle contract, for work done up to date, Letter", and enclosing copy of Office letter of the 24th instant, addressed to Mr. James A. McGonigle, contractor for the Completion (except Certain Vaults, Plumbing, etc.), Mint Building, in this city, regarding the approval of certain samples of hardware submitted for use under said contract. I am also in receipt of duplicates of the approved samples which have been placed on file for reference during construction of the work.

Respectfully,

Superintendent.

Mint Building, Denver, Colorado,
September 30th, 3.

Completed	25% completed
55% completed	" "
None	Not begun
30% completed	" "
65% "	" "
55% "	(Fireproof) Completed
10% "	Not begun
95% "	25% completed
50% "	75% "
	Not begun.

The work under contract with Faith & Co., Mechanical Equipment, performed to date, is satisfactory in quality, but the progress has been entirely too slow. Nothing has been done here in connection with the heating apparatus, and I fear that the plant will not be installed before cold weather and the consequence will be the freezing and bursting of down pipes which will be quite serious owing to the fact that plastering above basement has been practically completed which will render repairs difficult. Very little has been done towards placing drain pipes to street sewer. I am informed that Faith & Co. will place a competent man in charge soon and it is hoped good results will follow, the change being absolutely necessary.

The work under Mr. James A. McGonigle's contract for Completion(except Vaults, Plumbing, etc.) is satisfactory in quality and quantity, except that copper work and Spanish tile work on the roof are being delayed. He informs me that he has submitted samples of 16 oz. hard and soft copper and 14 oz. hard copper, but I have received no notice of approval of same. I have to request that you will inform me if said samples have been submitted.

Mechanics employed: 5 bricklayers, 1 painter, 5 lathers, 1 stonemason, 28 granite cutters, 6 plasterers, 2 plumbers, 7 carpenters, 1 steam fitter, 3 electricians and 35 laborers.

Respectfully,

Superintendent.

Construction,

Mint Building,

Denver, Colo., September 30, 1903.

Mr. J. A. Taylor,

Supervising Architect,

Treasury Department, Washington, D.C.

Sir:-

The finish of the basement corridor ceiling at the west window, Mint Building, this city, as indicated in Section A-A, on drawing #107, will be dropped to the middle of said window and on line with the top of the area wall, so that it would appear that very little light will be admitted into the corridor through said window and the corridor at the present time (the furred ceiling not being yet in place) is not well lighted, and I would suggest that the furred ceiling at a point about 8 feet from the window and west of the two heating ducts that cross the corridor, be changed and rise towards the west to meet the soffit of the first floor arches immediately above the window. This will permit the cornice, etc. to be put in place and take advantage of the entire height of said window for the admission of light. The contractor is willing to make this modification without expense to the Government, and if I am given permission to allow it to be so completed, I will thank you to wire me to that effect as early as possible.

Respectfully,

Superintendent.

Construction,

Mint Building,

Denver, Colo., October 1, 1903.

Mr. James A. McConigle,

Denver, Colorado.

Sir:-

I have to request that you will state the amount, in addition to your contract or Completion, &c., Mint Building, this city, for which you will cut down the seven cotton-wood trees now in place at the west end of the lot of the said building, and grub out the roots of said trees and remove the same from the premises.

Respectfully,

Superintendent.

Construction,

Mint Building,

Denver, Colo., October 2, 1903.

Mr. C. E. Kemper,

Acting Supervising Architect,

Treasury Department, Washington, D.C.

Sir:-

I am in receipt of your letter (initial F.B.W.) of the 28th ultimo, enclosing copy of Office letter of even date addressed to Mr. James A. McDonigle, contractor for the Completion (except Certain Vaults, Plumbing, etc.) of the Mint building, in this city, relative to oil storage tanks to be placed in said building, which letter has been placed on file.

Respectfully,

Superintendent.

Construction,

Mint Building,

Denver, Colo., October 2, 1903.

Mr. J. K. Taylor,

Supervising Architect,

Treasury Department, Washington, D.C.

Sir:-

Referring to my letter of the 30th ultimo, stating that work under Messrs. S. Faith & Company's contract of Mechanical Equipment, Mint Building, this city, was progressing slowly, I have now to state that owing to some dissatisfaction between said contractors and their employees elsewhere, a strike has been ordered and all of their workmen have been compelled by the union to leave this building, so that nothing is now being done under their contract here.

Respectfully,

Superintendent.

Construction,

Mint Building,

Denver, Colo., October 2, 1903.

Mr. J.K. Taylor,

Supervising Architect,

Treasury Department, Washington, D.C.

Sir:-

I am in receipt of your letter (initial F.B.W.) of the 29th ultimo, enclosing copy of Office letter of even date addressed to Mr. James A. McGonigle, contractor for the Completion (except Certain Vaults, Plumbing, etc.) of the Mint Building, in this city, approving shop drawing No. 239 for coal hole covers to be supplied under said contract, a copy of which drawing has also been received and placed on file.

Respectfully,

Superintendent.

Construction,

Mint Building,

Denver, Colo., October 5, 1903.

Mr. J.K. Taylor,

Supervising Architect,

Treasury Department, Washington, D.C.

Sir:-

In compliance with instructions in your letter (initial J.C.P.) of May 6th, last, I send you to-day, under separate cover, two quarts of Colorado Portland cement taken from a supply just received for use under Mr. J.A. McGonigle's contract of Completion (except certain vaults, plumbing, etc.) of the Mint Building, in this city, the same being forwarded for test.

I have tested the cement as to fineness and it meets that requirement of the specification.

Respectfully,

Superintendent.

Construction,

Mint Building,

Denver, Colo., October 6, 1903.

Mr. C. H. Kemper,

Acting Supervising Architect,

Treasury Department, Washington, D.C.

Sir:-

I am in receipt of your letter (initial J.C.P.) of the 28th ultimo, enclosing copy of Office letter of even date addressed to Mr. James A. McDonigle, contractor for the Completion (except Certain Vaults, Plumbing, etc.) of the Mint Building, in this city, relative to the approval of 16-ounce copper and rejection of 14-ounce copper submitted for use under his contract, which letter has been placed on file.

The receipt of the above mentioned letter would have been acknowledged sooner, but I have delayed the same expecting to receive a sample of the 16-ounce copper, as approved, for my guidance in accepting the work, and the same has not yet been received.

Respectfully,

Lee Tilley

Superintendent.

Construction,

Mint Building,

Denver, Colo., October 9, 1903.

Mr. J. K. Taylor,

Supervising Architect,

Treasury Department, Washington, D.C.

Sir:-

I am in receipt of your letter (initial G.W.D.) of the 5th instant, enclosing copy of Office letter of even date addressed to Mr. James A. McGonigle, contractor for the Completion (except certain vaults, plumbing, etc.) of the Mint Building, in this city, accepting his proposal to change front entrance door so as to permit the right hand door to swing first, without expense to the Government, which letter has been placed on file.

Respectfully,

Superintendent.

Construction,

Mint Building,

Denver, Colo., October 9, 1903.

Mr. J. K. Taylor,

Supervising Architect,

Treasury Department, Washington, D.C.

Sir:-

I am in receipt of your letter (initial F.B.W.) of the 5th instant in reference to the finish of the basement corridor ceiling at the west window of the Mint Building, in this city, and confirming telegram of the 3rd instant, as follows:

"No objection to arranging basement corridor ceiling as suggested in your letter September thirtieth".

and in reply I have to state that the contractor will perform the work as authorized by said telegram and letter.

Respectfully,

Superintendent.

Construction,

Mint Building,

Denver, Colo., October 10, 1902.

Mr. J. K. Taylor,

Supervising Architect,

Treasury Department, Washington, D.C.

Sir:-

There are seven cotton-wood trees located on the site at the Mint Building, in this city, and near the west line of the same, which it would seem advisable to have removed owing to the unsightliness of the trees and the fact that the cotton-wood blossoms during a large portion of the summer season would be annoying to work in the building. I conferred with Mr. F. M. Downer, Assayer in Charge, U.S. Mint, this city, and with Mr. George Roberts, Director of the Mint, at the time of his recent visit here, and they advised having the said trees removed. I therefore requested Mr. James A. McGonigle, contractor for the Completion (except certain vaults, plumbing, etc) of said building to submit a proposal for the removal of the trees (a copy of my letter dated October 1st, being herewith enclosed), and in response have received the enclosed proposal, in amount $45.00, which is reasonable considering the necessity of grubbing the roots of the trees, and I recommend its acceptance.

Respectfully,

Superintendent.

Construction,

Mint Building,

Denver, Colo., October 12,1903.

The Diebold Safe & Lock Company,

Canton, Ohio.

Gentlemen:-

Replying to your letter (per J.P.Williams)of the 26th ultimo,informing me that there is no objection to placing the terra cotta walls surrounding vaults E,F,G & M,Mint Building,in this city,and referring to the structural work which you are to supply and place for reinforcing the floors,etc., I have to state that the contractor has put in place the terra cotta partition along one side of vaults E and F(adjoining stair hall) and the east side of vault G. The remaining walls of said vaults and both walls of vault M,he has left unconstructed to permit you to put in place the structural iron work on said floors, and after the same has been placed he will construct the remaining partitions.

Thanking you for your kindness relative to permitting the terra cotta walls to be constructed, etc., I am

Respectfully,

Lee Bridges

Superintendent.

Construction,

Mint Building,

Denver, Colo., October 12, 1903.

Mr. J. K. Taylor,

Supervising Architect,

Treasury Department, Washington, D.C.

Sir:-

I am in receipt of sample of 16-ounce soft copper submitted by Mr. James A. McGonigle for use under his contract of Completion (except certain vaults, plumbing, etc.) of the Mint Building, in this city, and referred to as having been approved in Office letter (initial J.K.T.) of the 28th ultimo.

Respectfully,

Lee Bellamy

Superintendent.

Construction,

Mint Building,

Denver, Colo., October 12, 1903.

Mr. J. K. Taylor,

Supervising Architect,

Treasury Department, Washington, D.C.

Sir:-

I am in receipt of your letter (initial G.W.D.) of the 9th instant, enclosing copy of Office letter of even date addressed to the Diebold Safe and Lock Co., approving red bronze finish in connection with their contract for Burglar Proof Vaults for the Mint Building, in this city, which letter has been placed on file.

Respectfully,

Superintendent.

Construction,

Mint Building,

Denver, Colo., October 13,1903.

Mr.C.E.Kemper,

Acting Supervising Architect,

Treasury Department, Washington,D.C.

Sir:-

I am in receipt of your letter (initial G.W.D.) of the 10th instant,enclosing copy of Office letter of even date accepting the proposal of Mr.James A.McGonigle,in amount $1,075.00,as an addition to his contract for the Completion (except certain vaults, plumbing,etc.) of the Mint Building,this city, to make changes in openings between boiler room and coal vault,etc.,of said building, vouchers for which work will be issued in accordance with instructions.

Respectfully,

Superintendent.

Construction,

Mint Building,

Denver, Colo., October 15,1903.

Mr.C.E.Kemper,

Acting Supervising Architect,

Treasury Department, Washington, D.C.

Sir:-

I am in receipt of your letter (initial F.E.W.) of the 10th instant,enclosing copy of Office letter of even date addressed to Mr.James A.McGonigle approving shop drawing No.240 for certain bronze grilles to be supplied in connection with his contract for the Completion(except certain vaults,plumbing,etc.) of the Mint Building,in this city, and I am also in receipt of one print of said drawing which has been placed on file for reference during construction of the work.

Respectfully,

Lee Allen

Superintendent.

Construction,

Mint Building,

Denver, Colo., October 13, 1903.

Messrs. S. Walth & Company,

Denver, Colorado.

Gentlemen:-

I will thank you to state the amount, in addition to your contract for the Mechanical Equipment of the Mint Building, in this city, for which you will make an alteration in the 18" x 30" heating duct at the ceiling of the basement corridor so as to raise the same seven (7) inches at the point directly above the doorway which leads from the entrance corridor, near the heating plant, into the main corridor of said building. The duct as now in place is too low to permit the placing of the furred ceiling of said corridor.

Respectfully,

Lee Ellison

Superintendent.

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Construction,

Mint Building,

Denver, Colo., October 13, 1903.

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Mr. James A. McGonigle,

Denver, Colorado.

Sir:-

I will thank you to state the amount, in addition to your contract of Completion, &c., Mint Building, in this city, for which you will make the alteration in the two heating flues in the basement immediately west of column No. 47, so that the inlet to said flues will be on the corridor side of said partition instead of on the heating room side, as indicated on drawing No. 100.

Respectfully,

Lee Ullery

Superintendent.

Construction,

Mint Building,

Denver, Colo., October 14,1903.

Mr.J.K.Taylor,

Supervising Architect,

Treasury Department,Washington, D.C.

Sir:-

I have to request that 200 blank vouchers,Form 12, be furnished me for use at the Mint Building,in this city,under my charge.

In my last requisition,I asked for 200 and received only 100, the large number being necessary owing to the fact that it requires 20 vouchers per month for the contingent force,making them in duplicate twice a month,whereas only four vouchers were used of the old form; and as the contractors vouchers must enumerate additions and deductions,etc.,it requires from four to six blanks per month,hence the large number of vouchers requested.

Respectfully,

Superintendent.

Construction,

Mint Building,

Denver, Colo., October 14, 1903.

Mr. C. E. Kemper,

Chief Executive Officer,

Office of the Supervising Architect,

Treasury Department, Washington, D.C.

Sir:-

I have to request authority to expend Two Dollars and Fifty Cents ($2.50) for the purchase of six thermometers, the same being necessary in order to ascertain whether the temperature of the building is kept above 40 Fahr. during the work of plastering under Mr. James A. McGonigle's contract for the Completion (except certain vaults, plumbing, etc.) of the Mint Building, in this city, under my charge.

Respectfully,

Superintendent.

Construction,

Mint Building,

Denver, Colo., October 15,1903.

Mr.J.K.Taylor,

Supervising Architect,

Treasury Department,Washington, D.C.

Sir:-

I enclose herewith a proposal,in amount $50.00, from Messrs. S.Faith & Company,contractors for the Mechanical Equipment of the Mint Building,in this city, for raising the vent duct in the main corridor of the basement,as stated in my letter requesting said proposal of the 13th instant, a copy of which is enclosed herewith.

The heating duct referred to was so low in the corridor that the plaster cornice beneath the furred ceiling would come below the trim of the doors along the corridor. This was due to the fact that the 20" beams put in place for re-inforcing the floor beneath vault 6 in the 1st story dropped far below other beams of the corridor ceiling, and I accordingly requested the contractors to submit a proposal for changing said duct so the main corridor ceiling can be put in place as indicated on drawing No.100 of the contract set for the interior finish, and as the enclosed proposal is reasonable in amount and the work necessary, I recommend its acceptance.

Respectfully,

Superintendent.

Mint Building, Denver, Colorado,

October 15, 3

Completed	25% Completed
65% completed	25% "
None	Not begun
20% completed	" "
90% "	" "
70% "	(Fireproof) Completed
10% "	50% completed
95% "	25% "
60% "	75% "
	Not begun.

Work under C.Faith & Co.'s contract of Mechanical Equipment was resumed this morning by two workmen on the heating apparatus, but not in any other line. The strike referred to in my report of the 2nd instant has not been settled, but the contractors' representative feels confident that the strike will be settled and work resumed by the middle of next week, and I will report to you again at that time concerning the same and make such recommendations as appear necessary.

Work under James A.McConigle's contract of Completion, &c., is progressing satisfactorily, except that the supplying of marble work has been delayed, the first shipment having just been received. It is feared that work on plastering must soon be suspended owing to the fact that no heating apparatus has been installed and the use of salamanders by the contractor will likely marr the plaster finish which has practically been completed above the basement, except the ornamental work.

Workmen employed as follows; 1 bricklayer, 6 lathers, 1 stonemason, 28 granite cutters, 6 plasterers, 7 carpenters, 2 steam fitters and 40 laborers.

Respectfully,

Superintendent.

Construction,

Mint Building,

Denver, Colo., October 16, 1903.

To the

Supervising Architect,

Treasury Department, Washington, D.C.

Sir:-

In accordance with instructions dated April 11th, initials "E.A.C.", I have the honor to submit herewith my report.

All work in connection with the installation of the Mechanical Equipment (except engines and generators), embraced in a contract with S. Faith & Company, is still suspended on account of the strike of which you were informed under date of October 2nd.

The representative of S. Faith & Company is in the city endeavoring to settle the strike in order to proceed with the work. I am assured that the strike will be settled within a week.

Respectfully,

O. S. Hampton

Inspector, Heating, Hoisting & Ventilating Apparatus.

Forwarded through the
Superintendent of Construction.

Construction,

Mint Building,

Denver, Colo., October 17, 1903.

Mr. J. K. Taylor,

Supervising Architect,

Treasury Department, Washington, D.C.

Sir:-

I am in receipt of your letter (initial J.C.P.) of the 13th instant, enclosing copy of Office letter of even date addressed to Mr. James A. McGonigle, contractor for the Completion (except certain vaults, plumbing, etc.) of the Mint Building, in this city, approving sample of 16-ounce cold rolled copper, and 14 and 16-ounce soft copper for use under his contract, which samples have also been received and placed on file for reference during construction of the work.

Respectfully,

Leo Ullery

Superintendent.

Construction,

Mint Building,

Denver, Colo., October 19, 1903.

Mr. C. E. Kemper,

Acting Supervising Architect,

Treasury Department, Washington, D.C.

Sir:-

I am in receipt of your letter (initial J.C.P.) of the 14th instant, enclosing copy of Department letter of even date accepting the proposal of The Diebold Safe & Lock Company to substitute certain bronze gears for steel gears required under their contract for Burglar Proof Vaults at the Mint Building, in this city, the same to be without additional cost to the Government, which letter has been placed on file.

Respectfully,

Superintendent.

Constructions,

Mint Building.

Denver, Colo., October 19, 1903.

Messrs. S. Faith & Company,

Denver, Colorado.

Sirs-

Referring to my letter of July 8th, last, addressed to you as contractors for the Mechanical Equipment of the Mint Building, in this city (which includes the completion of the artesian well), in which letter I directed that the well boring machinery be removed temporarily, I have now to inform you that by the 24th instant the beams, etc., over the Well Room, Coal Vault, &c. will be in place ready for you to place the planking and boring machinery and resume work on the well, which should be begun as soon as possible after the date mentioned.

I have also to remind you that but little work has been done on the drain pipes, &c., beneath the basement floor, driveway, sidewalk, &c., as referred to in said letter of July 8th, and that it is imperative that said work be done at the earliest possible moment.

Respectfully,

Superintendent.

Construction,

Mint Building,

Denver, Colo., October 21, 1903.

Mr. James A. McGonigle,

Denver, Colorado.

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Sir:-

I will thank you to state the amount, in addition to your contract for the Completion, &c., of the Mint Building, in this city, for which you will make an alteration in the two heating flues in the basement immediately west of column No. 47, so that the inlet to said flues will be on the corridor side of said partition instead of on the heating room side, as indicated on drawing No. 100; also for repairing the terra cotta work directly east of said flues in the basement corridor where the 10" x 32" heating flue enters the corridor from the heating room; also repair the terra cotta work so as to fireproof the iron work over the 18" x 90" galvanized iron heating flue where same enters the main corridor still further east and between columns #37 and #44; also state the amount for furnishing and putting in place nine (9) registers in the basement as follows: 1, 16"x 24" heating register near column #43; 1, 10"x 18" heating register in the corridor over the doorway north of Lift No. 2; 1, 18" x 10" register entering the basement corridor between columns Nos. 16 and 17; 3, 24"x 30" register in the engine room near ceiling, one between columns Nos. 31 & 32, one between columns Nos. 25 & 31, and the other between columns Nos. 24 & 33; and 3, 24" x 30" vent registers near the ceiling in the wall along the east line of the engine room, the framing of furred ceilings, &c., and the necessary register boxes with copper clips, as elsewhere required, to be furnished for the placing of said registers.

Respectfully,

Superintendent.

Construction,

Mint Building,

Denver, Colo.,October 21,1903.

Mr.C.E.Kemper,

Acting Supervising Architect,

Treasury Department, Washington, D.C.

Sir:-

I am in receipt of your letter (initial F.B.W.) of the 16th instant enclosing copy of Office letter of even date addressed to Mr. James A.McGonigle,contractor for the Completion(except certain vaults, plumbing,etc.) of the Mint Building,in this city, approving shop drawing #241 for certain pipe railing to be supplied in connection with said contract, and I am also in receipt of one print of said drawing which has been placed on file for refsrence during construction of the work.

Respectfully,

Superintendent.

Construction,

Mint Building,

Denver, Colo., October 21st, 1903.

Mr. C. B. Morrison,

Assistant United States District Attorney,

537 Monadnock Building, Chicago, Illinois.

Dear Sir:-

I am in receipt of your letter of the 16th instant informing me that the Leach case will be called for trial on November 16th and asking for any suggestions as to names of witnesses, and in reply will say that Mr. Joseph Seubert of No. 34 West Colfax Avenue, this city, is the party I referred to before and who is an expert in cement work, having had much experience with sidewalks here laid with Colorado Portland cement when it was defective and acted very much like the cement did in the sidewalks at the Pueblo postoffice, and it would seem that his testimony would be to the point and useful.

I had thought likely the case would be dismissed as it has dragged on so long and people have lost interest in it and it seems the Judge must be favorable to the other side owing to the fact that he has postponed the case so many times to satisfy them, and I fear that the prospects of winning the case are discouraging.

Respectfully yours,

Superintendent.

Construction,

Mint Building,

Denver, Colo., October 21, 1903.

Mr. C. E. Kemper,

Acting Supervising Architect,

Treasury Department, Washington, D.C.

Sir:-

I am in receipt of your letter (initial J.C.P.) of the 17th instant, enclosing copy of Department letter of even date addressed to Mr. James A. McConigle, accepting his proposal, in amount $45.00, as an addition to his contract for the Completion (except certain vaults, plumbing, etc.) of the Mint Building, in this city, to remove seven trees from the site of said building, vouchers for which work will be issued in accordance with instructions.

Respectfully,

Superintendent.

Construction,

Mint Building,

Denver,Colo.,October 21,1903.

Mr.J.K.Taylor,

Supervising Architect,

Treasury Department,Washington,D.C.

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Sir:-

I enclose herewith a proposal,in amount $250.00,from Mr.James A.McConigle,contractor for the Completion(except certain vaults,plumbing,etc.) of the Mint Building,in this city,for furnishing and placing registers,making changes of framing,&c. of furred ceiling and terra cotta work to receive the same, which proposal is in response to request in my letter of the 20th instant, a copy of which is enclosed herewith.

The inlets to the flues west of column #47 in the basement are on the south side of the partition,as was required by drawing No.5 of the previous contract set for this building,which necessitates tearing out considerable terra cotta work,changing the bottom of flues toward the corridor and repairing the terra cotta work; the register in the basement corridor near column #43,as indicated on drawing H-81,requires change of framing of the furred ceiling; the heating flue in the basement corridor immediately north of Lift No.2,as indicated on the same drawing,cannot enter the corridor above the doorway as the trim of the door is practically at cornice line,but must enter at the side of the same,which necessitates alteration of terra cotta work; the 18"x 20"

duct entering the corridor over the doorway west of column #37 had to be raised,as stated in my letter of the 15th instant, and the terra cotta work above the same must be re-constructed in order to fireproof the beams and girder connecting columns Nos.37 and 44; the 18"x 10" register in the corridor between columns Nos.16 and 17,as indicated on drawing H-81,will require either a change of the furred ceiling or the tearing out and re-building of the terra cotta in order to place the same,and an additional flue with register box must be supplied; also the three 24" x 30" registers between the columns near north line of engine room must be supplied as indicated on drawing H-81, and three 24" x 36 ventilating registers near ceiling along east wall of engine room will require register boxes and registers, - none of which work is indicated on the drawings for Mr. McGonigle's work, and I have therefore requested him to submit a proposal for supplying the same, which proposal is reasonable considering the changes of terra cotta work,ceiling framing,etc.,to provide for the registers and boxes and placing the same, and I therefore recommend its acceptance.

Respectfully,

Superintendent.

Construction,

Mint Building,

Denver, Colo., October 22, 1903.

Mr. J. R. Taylor,

Supervising Architect,

Treasury Department, Washington, D.C.

Sir:-

Referring to statement in my semi-monthly report of the 15th instant, relative to progress of work under Messrs. S. Faith & Company's contract for the Mechaincal Equipment of the Mint Building, in this city, I have to inform you that since that date the plumbers have apparently adjusted their difficulty and will resume work at once, but the electricians have not yet returned to work and I can see no prospects for an early settlement by them. These statements are made to inform you as to the status of the work, but I am not prepared to make any recommendation at this time and can advise you more definitely in the matter by the end of this month.

Respectfully,

Lee Billings

Superintendent.

Construction,

Mint Building,

Denver, Colo., October 22, 1903.

Mr. J. K. Taylor,

Supervising Architect,

Treasury Department, Washington, D.C.

Sir:-

Referring to paragraph V, page 5 of the specification for the Completion (except certain vaults, plumbing, etc.) of the Mint Building, in this city, which requires that the contractor shall store unused old material of value on the site where directed by the Superintendent, I have to inform you that the stone flagging for the sidewalks and grilles from the basement windows have been removed and stored as have also the cast iron drain pipes taken out by the contractors for the Mechanical Equipment, and as the space around the building is limited, it would seem necessary to dispose of the material as early as possible, and I have to request instructions as to the course to pursue in order that the material mentioned may be sold or otherwise disposed of.

Respectfully,

Superintendent.

New Mint Building, Denver, Col.
October 22, 1903.

Respectfully returned to the Acting Supervising Architect with endorsement indicating the approval of the Inspector of Heating, Hoisting & Ventilating Apparatus, which endorsement would have been forwarded originally but for the absence of the Inspector.

Superintendent.

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Respectfully
W. S. Thomas
Inspector

Construction,

Mint Building,

Denver, Colo., October 23, 1903.

To the

Supervising Architect,

Treasury Department, Washington, D.C.

Sir:-

In accordance with instructions dated April 11th, initials "E.A.C.", I have the honor to submit herewith my report.

Since my last report, dated October 16th, the strike has apparently been settled and the plumbers, steam fitters and galvanized iron workers have returned to work. The electricians have not as yet returned to work but I anticipate they will do so next week.

The contractors have been directed to put on a large force of men and push the work to a speedy completion.

Respectfully,

Inspector, Heating, Hoisting & Ventilating Apparatus.

Forwarded through the Superintendent of Construction.

Construction,

Mint Building,

Denver, Colo., October 23,1903.

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Mr.J.K.Taylor,

Supervising Architect,

Treasury Department,Washington, D.C.

Sir:-

Referring to my letter of the 21st instant,enclosing a proposal from Mr.James A.McGonigle,in amount $250.00,for placing certain registers,&c.,under his contract for the Completion (except certain vaults,plumbing,etc.) of the Mint Building,in this city, I find that the registers in the engine room are included in Messrs.S.Waith & Company's contract for the Mechanical Equipment of said building,and I will therefore obtain from Mr.McGonigle another proposal in accordance with the requirements as soon as he returns to the city and forward the same to you in lieu of the one mentioned.

Respectfully,

Superintendent.

Construction,

Mint Building,

Denver, Colo., October 23, 1903.

Mr. C. E. Kemper,

Acting Supervising Architect,

Treasury Department, Washington, D.C.

Sir:-

I am in receipt of your letter (initial F.B.W.) of the 20th instant, enclosing copy of Office letter of even date addressed to Mr. James A. McGonigle, contractor for the Completion (except certain vaults, plumbing, etc.) of the Mint Building, in this city, approving shop drawing No. 245 for certain brass counter screens to be installed under his contract, a print of which drawing has also been received and placed on file for reference during construction of the work.

Respectfully,

Leo Bilby

Superintendent.

Construction,

Mint Building,

Denver, Colo., October 24,1903.

Flour City Ornamental Iron Works,

Minneapolis, Minnesota.

Gentlemen:-

I am in receipt of your letter (per F.H.Wallace,Chief Drafts-man) of the 21st instant and also the blue print of drawing for extension of balcony railings mentioned in said letter, and I return said blue print herewith with a pencil sketch showing a design for said extensions which will be,in my judgment,more suitable and I would be pleased to have you finish the work in accordance with said sketch. The style of the extensions as shown by your blue print differs materially from the design of the remainder of the railing,and it appears necessary to make the extensions of a design in harmony with the railing now in place.

Thanking you and Mr.Rubbert in the matter and hoping that the sections for the extensions can be finished in accordance with the enclosed pencil sketch and placed at an early date, I am

Respectfully,

Lew Wilby

Superintendent.

Construction,

Mint Building,

Denver, Colo., October 24,1903.

Mr.James A.McGonigle,

Care of C.A.Olcott & Co.,

3300 Broadway, St.Louis, Missouri.

Dear Sir:-

I am in receipt of your letter of the 22nd instant making inquiry concerning the finish of wood work under your contract of Completion,&c.,Mint Building,in this city, and in reply will say that there is no objection to filling and shellacing the wood work at the mill in order to protect the same from moisture in shipping to Denver. The back of the wood work coming against masonry is to be given a coat of mineral paint which might also be applied at the mill for the same purpose.

Respectfully yours,

Lee Adling

Superintendent.

Construction,

Mint Building,

Denver, Colo., October 26,1903.

Mr.C.E.Kemper,

Acting Supervising Architect,

Treasury Department, Washington, D.C.

Sir:-

I am in receipt of your letter (initial F.B.W.) of the 21st instant,enclosing copy of Office letter of even date addressed to Messrs.S.Faith & Company,contractors for the Mechanical Equipment of the Mint Building,in this city approving prints submitted showing car designs for use under their contract, and I am also in receipt of a set of the approved prints, Nos.E-242 and E-243, which have been placed on file.

Respectfully,

Superintendent.

Construction,

Mint Building,

Denver, Colo., October 26,1903.

Mr.C.S.Morrison,

Assistant United States Attorney,

537 Monadnock Building, Chicago, Illinois.

Dear Sir:-

I am in receipt of your letter of the 23rd instant enclosing copy of letter (dated May 12th,last) from Mr.D.C.Bailey, United States Marshal, this district, and referring to the matter of Mr.Joseph A.Seubert will say that Mr.Bailey is in error. Mr.Seaver, a former postmaster at Pueblo is dead and has been for several years, but Mr.Seubert is very much alive, and service can be made at his office No.34 West Colfax Avenue,this city.

I think Mr.Seubert will be a valuable witness as an expert in cement work,especially as he has had so much experience with Colorado Portland cement when it acted in the sidewalks here so much like the cement in the sidewalk at the Pueblo building, and he as contractor was required to take up the defective sidewalks and make the same satisfactory, which is just the thing we are trying to make L.L.Leach & Son pay for at Pueblo. However, if you think best not to subpoena Mr.Seubert, just let that matter drop.

Respectfully,

Superintendent.

Construction,

Mint Building,

Denver, Colo., October 26,1903.

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Mr.James A.McDonigle,

Denver, Colorado.

Sir:-

I enclose herewith a copy of drawing No.244 showing ornamental iron gates for the main entrance at the Mint Building,in this city, and I will thank you to state the amount,in addition to your contract of Completion,&c.,for said building, for which you will furnish and put in place said gates,secured and finished as indicated on the drawing.

Respectfully,

Superintendent.

Construction,

Mint Building,

Denver, Colo., October 26,1903.

W.J.K.Taylor,

Supervising Architect,

Treasury Department, Washington, D.C.

Sir:-

I am in receipt of your letter (initial G.W.D.) of the 22nd instant forwarding a copy of drawing No.244 showing ornamental iron grille gates for the main entrance at the Mint Building,in this city,and directing me to obtain from the contractor a proposal for furnishing and putting the same in place, and in reply will state that I have requested the contractor to submit a proposal in accordance therewith.

The marble work at the main entrance where the gates are to be placed is 4 3/4" in thickness from the quirk at the barrel moulding to the back,so that when holes are made for the expansion bolts to carry the hinges,but approximately 2" of marble work will be left on each side of the holes; and when expansion bolts are placed(which act as wedges) and the strain due to the weight of the gates (12'6" in height) comes upon the hinges,it is almost certain that the marble will break at the back of the holes at expansion bolts.

It would seem advisable that the gates be in three leaves from the center line of the doorway, the first leaf to be stationary and secured to the granite in front of the marble,the other two leaves to be

hinged as shown on the drawing, the grille at the top to be substantially made and to extend across the doorway on line of transom in order that the same may carry the weight of the gates. These statements are made because I fear the marble, which is so weak, will not carry the load of the gates and serious results would arise in case of failure.

Only one copy of drawing No.244 has been received which has been delivered to the contractor, and I will thank you to forward a duplicate to me for the files of my office.

Respectfully,

Superintendent.

Construction,

Mint Building,

Denver, Colo., October 28,1903.

Mr.J.K.Taylor,

Supervising Architect,

Treasury Department, Washington, D.C.

Sir:-

I am in receipt of your letter (Initial G.W.D.) of the 24th instant, enclosing copy of letter of the 21st instant from the Acting Director of the Mint relative to the installation of traveling crane for engine room ,Mint Building,in this city, directing me to allow the contractor for the installation of said crane to do any necessary cutting and to require him to make suitable repairs; and also directing me to obtain from said contractor a proposal for the supply of wall boxes and hatchway shown on drawing to be forwarded me in a few days and send same to your Office with my definite recommendation, which instructions will be duly complied with as soon as said drawing has been received.

Respectfully,

Superintendent.

OFFICE OF
SUPERINTENDENT OF Construction,
U. S. Mint Building,
Denver, Colo., October 29,1903.

Mr.James A.McGonigle,
Denver, Colorado.

Sir:-

I will thank you to state the amount,in addition to your contract for the Completion,&c.,Mint Building,in this city, for which you will make alteration in the two heating flues in the basement immediately west of column No.47,so that the inlet to said flue will be on the corridor side of the partition instead of on the heating room side,and also for repairing the terra cotta work around said flue and east of the same in the basement corridor where the 18"x 90" vent duct enters the corridor over the doorway between columns Nos.37 and 44; also for placing three registers(including framing of furred ceilings,etc.), as follows: One 16" x 24" heating register in corridor east of column No.43; one 10"x 18" heating register at the side of doorway leading to the corridor directly north of Lift No.2, and one 18"x 10" heating register in the basement corridor ceiling north of the partition between columns Nos. 16 and 17, including such furring,metal lathing and alterations to the galvanized iron work as may be necessary to secure the registers as required elsewhere in the building.

Respectfully,

Superintendent.

Construction,

Mint Building,

Denver, Colo., October 29,1903.

Mr.J.K.Taylor,

Supervising Architect,

Treasury Department,Washington,D.C.

Sir:-

Referring to the placing of Alberene stone on certain floors in the Mint Building,this city, for which Mr.James A.McGonigle's two proposals,dated June 15th,last,were accepted by Department letters of July 20 and August 17,1903,I have to state that I requested the contractor to submit a sample of the stone and state the method of jointing the same in order that joints may be made acid proof, but no sample was submitted and the contractor stated in his above mentioned proposal "Samples and method of construction can be seen at the Supervising Architect's office". It is expected that the said stone will be delivered at the building and placed within the next few weeks,and I have therefore to request that you forward me a sample of the stone, if possible,and give me special instructions as to the method of jointing and state what acid-proof material must be used for filling the joints in order that I may be prepared to properly direct the work when it begins.

Respectfully,

Leo Willey

Superintendent.

Mint Building, Denver, Colorado.

October 31st, 3

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Work under Messrs. S. Faith & Co.'s contract of Mechanical Equipment has been suspended except on the heating apparatus. The strike mentioned in my report of the 15th inst. prevents work on plumbing and electric wiring. We hoped it would be settled prior to this(as the plumbers resumed work for a few days this week), but reports are now that, unless Faith & Co. adjust the dirriculty with the unions, all workmen in the building(including those employed by Mr. McGonigle)will be called out on a strike within a short time. I suggest that Faith & Co. be urged to adjust the matter as early as practical, as it seems the difficulty is due to some controversy at the Philadelphia works.

Work under Mr. J. A. McGonigle's contract of Completion, &c., has not progressed so satisfactorily recently, owing in part to the strike which prevents plastering and cement work until electric conduits and plumbing have been placed, and no arrangements have yet been made for heating the building, so that likely some delay in plastering, &c. will occur on account of cold weather. Considerable marble has been put in place in the first story corridor.

Workmen employed as follows: 1 bricklayer, 1 stonemason, 24 granite cutters, 6 plasterers, 4 carpenters, 2 steam fitters, 6 marble workmen and 35 laborers.

Respectfully,

Superintendent.

Construction,

Mint Building,

Denver, Colo., October 31,1903.

Mr.J.K.Taylor,

Supervising Architect,

Treasury Department, Washington,D.C.

Sir:-

I am in receipt of your letter (initial S.) of the 26th instant with instructions relative to the disposal of certain old materials at the Mint Building,in this city, which instructions will be followed.

Respectfully,

Superintendent.

Construction,

Mint Building,

Denver, Colo., November 2,1903.

Mr.J.K.Taylor,

Supervising Architect,

Treasury Department, Washington, D.C.

Sir:-

I am in receipt of your letter (initial J.C.P.) of the 29th ultimo,enclosing copy of Department letter of even date accepting the proposal of Messrs.S.Faith & Company,in amount $50. as an addition to their contract for the Mechanical Equipment of the Mint building,in this city, for raising vent duct in main corridor of the basement in said building, vouchers for which work will be issued in accordance with instructions.

Respectfully,

Superintendent.

Construction,

Mint Building,

Denver, Colo., November 2,1903.

Mr.James A.McConigle,

Denver, Colorado.

Dear Sir;-

I will thank you to state the amount,in addition to your contract of Completion,&c.,Mint Building,in this city,for which you will put in place furring and metal lath in the ceiling of the basement corridor, extending across the corridor and from the doorway to the line of columns Nos.38 and 43, the same to be directly beneath the present arches so as to level the ceiling to receive the plastering and cornice as required by the drawings. The furring to consist of 3/4"x 3/4" steel bars or 1" Tee irons,spaced 12- on centers and substantially secured to 2"x 2" Tee irons placed horizontally through the center lines of the arches of the ceiling and anchored through the brick arches to plates above the same, the metal lath to be secured as required elsewhere under your contract.

Respectfully,

Superintendent.

Construction,

Mint Building,

Denver, Colo., November 3,1903.

Mr.J.K.Taylor,

Supervising Architect,

Treasury Department,Washington,D.C.

Sir:-

In the matter of setting the ash hoist,shown by drawing M-214,forwarded to this office by letter of July 1st,1903, and included in Messrs.S.Paith & Company's contract for the Mechanical Equipment of the Mint Building,in this city, I have to inquire if it is the intention to place said hoist so as to dump outward over the sidewalk into the wagons, a distance of about 18 feet from the hoist, or to set the hoist to dump toward the building,the wagon to be within the lot. It would seem advisable to adopt the latter plan,as otherwise the city would likely declare it a nuisance(dumping over the sidewalk), and we are unable to ascertain whether the working of the machinery would be interfered with by placing the machinery as last mentioned.

As the contractor is now arranging to place said hoist,I would be pleased to have you inform me by wire which way the hoist must be set.

Respectfully,

Superintendent.

Construction,

Mint Building,

Denver, Colo., November 3,1903.

Mr.J.K.Taylor,

Supervising Architect,

Treasury Department,Washington,D.C.

Sir:-

I am in receipt of your letter (initial J.C.P.) of the 30th ultimo,enclosing copy of Office letter of even date addressed to Mr. James A.McGonigle,contractor for the Completion(except Certain Vaults, Plumbing,etc.) of the Mint Building,in this city, in reference to submitting a proposal for making a deduction on account of substituting flat grained pine for quarter sawed pine required under his contract, which proposal will be forwarded to you immediately upon its receipt from the contractor.

Respctfully,

Superintendent.

Construction,

Mint Building,

Denver, Colo., November 4, 1903.

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Mr. James A. McGonigle,

Leavenworth, Kansas.

Sir:-

Referring to my letter of the 26th ultimo forwarding a copy of drawing No. 244, showing ornamental iron gates for the main entrance to Mint Building, in this city, I have now to inform you that some modification will be made in said iron work and I have to request that you will return to me the drawing, as a revised drawing will be forwarded to you in a few days with a request for proposal in accordance therewith.

Respectfully,

Superintendent.

Construction,

Mint Building,

Denver, Colo., November 4, 1903.

Mr. J. K. Taylor,

Supervising Architect,

Treasury Department, Washington, D.C.

Sir:-

I am in receipt of your letter (initial G.W.D.) of the 31st ultimo referring to drawing No. 244 showing ornamental iron gates for the main entrance to Mint Building, in this city, with request that I return said drawing to your office for a revision, and in reply I have to state that the drawing was forwarded to Mr. James A. McGonigle, contractor for the Completion (except certain vaults, plumbing, etc.) of said building, who has been requested to return the same which will be forwarded to you immediately upon its receipt.

Respectfully,

Superintendent.

Construction,

Mint Building,

Denver, Colo., November 9,1903.

Mr.J.K.Taylor,

Supervising Architect,

Treasury Department, Washington,D.C.

Sir:-

I am in receipt of your letter (initial S.) of the 5th instant forwarding copy of Office letter of same date addressed to Messrs.S.Faith & Company,contractors for the Mechanical Equipment of the Mint Building,in this city, and a copy of report of Mr. George R.Kempton,Electrical Engineer and Draftsman relative to motors,etc. manufactured by the Otis Elevator Company for use in the Mint Building,in this city,which letter and report have been placed on file for reference.

Respectfully,

Superintendent.

Construction,

Mint Building,

Denver, Colo., November 9, 1903.

Mr. J. K. Taylor,

Supervising Architect,

Treasury Department, Washington, D.C.

Sir:-

I am in receipt of your letter (initial J.C.P.) of the 5th instant forwarding a copy each of drawing No. 31-A and 248 showing certain work in connection with the traveling crane to be installed in the Mint Building, in this city, which drawings have also been received and I have forwarded the same to the contractor with a request that he furnish a proposal for the additional work as directed in your letter (initial G.W.D.) of the 24th ultimo.

Only one copy each of the above mentioned drawings has been received and as the same must be forwarded to the contractor, I have to request that you forward an additional copy of each to this office for file and for reference during construction of the work.

Respectfully,

Superintendent.

Construction,

Mint Building,

Denver, Colo., November 9,1903.

Mr.J.K.Taylor,

Supervising Architect,

Treasury Department, Washington,D.C.

Sir:-

In compliance with instructions in your letter (initial G.W.D.) of the 31st ultimo, I return to you herewith drawing No. 244,which was forwarded to me with your letter (initial G.W.D.) of 22nd ultimo.

Respectfully,

Lew Kelley

Superintendent.

Construction,

Mint Building,

Denver,Colo.,November 9,1903.

Mr.J.K.Taylor,

Supervising Architect,

Treasury Department,Washington,D.C.

Sir;-

I am in receipt of your letter (initial J.C.P.) of the 4th instant,confirming telegram of the 2d instant instructing me to resume the issuance of vouchers to Mr.James A.McGonigle,contractor for the Completion(except certain vault,plumbing,etc) of the Mint Building,in this city,and in accordane therewith a voucher was issued to Mr.McGonigle on the 2nd instat and others will be regularly hereafter.

Respectfully,

Superintendent.

Construction,

Mint Building,

Denver, Colo., November 9, 1903.

Mr. J. K. Taylor,

Supervising Architect,

Treasury Department, Washington D.C.

Sir:-

I am in receipt of telegram of the 7th instant, as follows: "Require contractor set machinery so that ash hoist will discharge toward building", and I accordingly required the contractor to so set the same. My request of the 3rd instant for information was made because the contractor intended to set the hoist to discharge over the sidewalk which I considered objectionable and would lead to trouble with the city.

Respectfully,

Superintendent.

Construction,

Mint Building,

Denver Colo., November 9,1903.

Mr.James A.McGonigle,

Denver, Colorado.

Sir:-

I have to request that you furnish me a proposal stating the amount,in addition to your contract forthe Completion,&c.,Mint Building,in this city, for which you will pt in place one hatchway and two wall boxes as indicated on the endsed drawings Nos.31-A and 248. The construction of the hatchway i the first floor of Rolling and Cutting Room and constructionofwall boxes to be let into the walls of the Engine Room in basement are indicated on drawing No.248,the location of each being indcaed on drawing No.31-A. The height of wall boxes over Engine Roomflor to be as directed.

Respetfily,

Superintendent.

Construction,

Mint Building,

Denver, Colo., November 10, 1903.

The Honorable,

The Secretary of the Treasury,

Washington, D.C.

Sir:-

Referring to Office letter (initial S.) of March 30th, 1903, informing me that Mr. Edward W. Roberts had been detailed as Draftsman at the Mint Building, in this city, under my charge, I have to say that there is practically no necessity for a draftsman here and therefore his services are not required.

He is absent from the office without authority from a half to a third of the time during office hours which, according to "Instructions to Superintendents" are eight hours per day for all persons employed on public buildings, so that when there is an occasional use for him his services are not available.

Respectfully,

Superintendent.

Construction,

Mint Building,

Denver, Colo., November 10, 1903.

To the

Supervising Architect,

Treasury Department, Washington, D.C.

Sir:-

I have the honor to request that Mr. F. E. Healy, Engineer in Charge Denver Mint Equipment, be detailed in the near future to visit this building and inspect the engine room crane now being erected and also to hasten the installation of the oil storage tanks, etc.

Respectfully,

Inspector, Heating, Hoisting & Ventilating Apparatus.

I concur in the above request.

Superintendent of Construction.

Construction,

Mint Building,

Denver, Colo., November 11,1903.

Mr.J.K.Taylor,

Supervising Architect,

Treasury Department, Washington, D.C.

Sir:-

I have to inform you that the United States Marshal has again subpoenaed me to appear in Chicago on the 16th instant in the case of the United States vs. L.L.Leach & Son with reference to the defective work under their contract on the postoffice building at Pueblo, Colorado. I will leave here Saturday the 14th instant in order to be able to appear at the trial at stated.

Respectfully,

Leo Utley

Superintendent.

Construction

Mint Building,

Denver, Colo., November 12,1903.

Mr.T.B.Morrison,

Assistant United States Attorney,

838 Monadnock Block, Chicago, Illinois.

Dear Sir:-

I am in receipt of your letter of the 9th instant enclosing a form of subpoena to be presented to the United States Marshal here,if I think best,for service upon Mr.Joseph Seubert in connection with the Leach case. After conferring with Mr.Seubert,I have decided not to have the subpoena served and I have so informed the Deputy United States Marshal. While Mr.Seubert is an expert on cements and has used American Portland cements,he would likely not be so good a witness as if he were familiar with the facts at the building and his subpoena would incur considerable expense,hence my decision not to have the subpoena served. I will explain matters more fully when I see you.

I have preserved the bill of particulars and I believe copies of all reports made on work at the building; have gone over the same with Messrs.Strait and Mitchell and will bring the papers to Chicago and go over the matter again with them probably Sunday evening at the Northern Hotel in Chicago,where we all expect to stop and where we would be glad to see you that evening for any conference that may seem advisable.

In your letter you refer to the death of Captain French and of Mr.Summers,whereas Mr.Summers is alive,has been subpoenaed and will be with us at the hotel.

Respectfully,

Superintendent.

Construction,

Mint Building,

Denver, Colo., November 12,1903.

Mr.J.K.Taylor,

Supervising Architect,

Treasury Department,Washington,D.C.

Sir:-

Referring to Section 9-10 on drawing # H-85 in the contract set of drawings pertaining to Messrs.S.Faith & Company's contract for the Mechanical Equipment of the Mint Building, in this city, on which is noted "6" Z bars, new" (probably two are required,although the number is not stated), I have to inform you that I overlooked the fact that said Z bars were to rest on the I-beams of the floor construction and be within the granolithic floor in the northwest room of the attic, and as the granolithic floor has been completed at that point,I have to ask whether it would be satisfactory if said Z bars are placed on the top of the granolithic floor as a foundation to receive the blower,motor, etc., or will it be necessary to have the concrete cut out to place the Z bars.

Respectfully,

Superintendent.

Construction,

Mint Building,

Denver, Colo., November 12, 1903.

Mr. J.K. Taylor,

Supervising Architect,

Treasury Department, Washington, D.C.

Sir:-

I am in receipt of your letter (initial G.W.D.) of the 9th instant forwarding one copy of drawing No.246 showing proposed carving of marble work over first story door and windows and two bronze discs to be placed in the granite wall near the main entrance of the Mint Bilding, in this city, with instructions to obtain from the contractor for the Completion (except certain vaults, plumbing, etc.) of said building, a proposal for said work and in reply I have to state that I have requested the contractor to submit such a proposal which will be forwarded to you immediately upon its receipt.

As no provision is made on said drawing for the two marble medallions in the rear wall of the building (below second floor line) nor the carving or finish of the twenty-nine marble discs over the windows of second story, I have to ask whether it is the intention to leave the same in their present unfinished condition.

I have also to request that a copy of drawing No.246 be forwarded to me for the files of my office as the one received has been forwarded to the contractor in order that he may prepare a proposal for the work.

Respectfully,

Superintendent.

Construction,

Mint Building,

Denver, Colo., November 12,1903.

Mr.James A.McGonigle,

Denver, Colorado.

Sir:-

I forward to you herewith drawing No.246 showing proposed carving of marble work over first story door and windows,also bronze discs to be inserted in the granite over main entrance to the Mint Building,in this city, and I will thank you to state the amount,in addition to your contract of Completion,&c.,for said building, for which you will complete the carving and place the discs as shown, all carving to be cut with spirit and correspond in every way with models which will be furnished you by the Government,and completed to the entire satisfaction of the Superintendent and the Supervising Architect.

Respectfully,

Superintendent.

Construction.

Mint Building,

Denver, Colo., November 12, '03.

Mr.J.K.Taylor,

Supervising Architect,

Treasury Department, Washington, D.C.

Sir:-

I am in receipt of your letter (initial G.W.D.) of the 9th instant forwarding one copy of drawing No.247 showing the construction of a proposed storage cellar for sweeps at the Mint Building, in this city, with instructions to obtain a proposal from the contractor for Completion (except certain vaults, plumbing, etc.) of said building for constructing said sweeps cellar, and in reply will state that I have requested the contractor to furnish me said proposal which will be forwarded to you immediately upon its receipt.

In this connection I have to ask what disposition you desire to have made of the 12" drain pipe to be put in place along the west line of the building under S.Faith & Company's contract, the top of which pipe will be 5'6" above the floor of the sweeps cellar where it passes the doorway into the same. It is assumed that the sweeps room is to be placed at the west end of the building in line with the west end of the main corridor.

I have to request that one copy of said drawing(No.247) be forwarded to me for the files of my office as it seems necessary to have one copy here in addition to the one forwarded to the contractor in all cases.

Respectfully,

Superintendent.

Construction,

Mint Building,

Denver, Colo., November 12,1903.

Mr.James A.McGonigle,

Denver, Colorado.

Sir;-

I enclose herewith drawing No.247 showing the construction of a proposed storage cellar for sweeps to be located west of the Mint Building,in this city,to extend to lot line, and I have to request that you will state the amount,in addition to your contract for Completion, &c.,of said building, for which you will construct said sweeps cellar in accordance with the drawing, the walls to be of approved brick or concrete; the floor and covering to be of concrete and cement; the granite to be similar to that used in the present basement walls; the top to be covered with approved earth and sodded; approved Portland cement to be used, and the gates,doors,etc., to correspond with similar work required for present basement doors, and all cutting of walls,alterations of area and other drain pipes to be included in said proposal.

Respectfully,

Superintendent.

Construction,

Mint Building,

Denver, Colo., November 13,1903.

The Honorable ,

The Secretary of the Treasury,

Through the Office of Supervising Architect,

Washington, D.C.

Sir:-

I have to request leave of absence for ten days, beginning the 17th instant at which time I will be in Chicago as a witness in the case of the United States against L.L.Leach & Son, who were the contractors for the construction of the Post Office building in Pueblo, Colorado.

Owing to the conditions at the building, due to strike, etc., now existing, my absence for the time stated can, in my judgment, be permitted without detriment to the interests of the Government. If for any reason, however, it is decided not to grant my leave of absence, I will thank you to wire me on the 16th or 17th instant in care of the United States District Attorney, 537 Monadnock Block, Chicago, Illinois.

During the present year, I have been absent but six days which was in February on account of sickness.

Respectfully,

Superintendent.

Construction,

Mint Building,

Denver, Colo., November 13,1903.

To the

Supervising Architect,

Treasury Department, Washington, D.C.

Sir:-

In accordance with instructions dated April 11th, initials "E.A.C.", I have the honor to submit herewith my report.

The work in place forming part of the Mechanical Equipment (except engines and generators),embraced in a contract with S.Faith & Company,has been installed in accordance with the terms of the agreement.

The steam fitters are at work,but the plumbers and electricians are on a strike and there seems to be little prospect of a settlement in the near future.

In view of the fact that the boilers will not be delivered here prior to January 1st,next, the conditions are not so serious, and I do not recommend any drastic action on the part of the Government at this time.

Respectfully,

Inspector,Heating,Hoisting & Ventilating Apparatus.

Forwarded through the Superintendent of Construction.

Mint Building, Denver, Colorado.

November 14, 3.

Completed	50% Completed
90% Completed	25% "
None	Not begun
20% Completed	" "
90% "	15% "
90% "	(Fireproof) Completed
15% "	70% "
Completed	25% "
80% Completed	75% "
	Not begun

There has been practically no work performed this month on S.Faith & Co.'s contract of Mechanical Equipment,owing to the continuation of the strike heretofore referred to,of which there appears to be no prospect of an early settlement. The workmen,however,are still employed in connection with the heating apparatus but have made but little progress.

Work under Mr James A.McGonigle's contract of Completion,&c. has progressed slowly as the same is now contingent on the placing of electric wire ,conduits,plumbing pipes and heating and power plant. About 10% of the marble has been put in place in the first story corridor. As no heating apparatus is in place and the strike continues,it is likely that very little work will be performed under this contract in the near future.

Workmen employed: 1 bricklayer, 1 stonemason, 24 granite cutters, 2 plasterers, 2 carpenters,2 steam fitters,6 marble workmen and 25 laborers.

Respectfully,

Superintendent.

Construction,

Mint Building,

Denver, Colo., November 16, 1903.

Mr. J. E. Kemper,

Acting Supervising Architect,

Treasury Department, Washington, D.C.

Sir:-

In the absence of the Superintendent, I have to acknowledge the receipt of your letter (initial J.C.P.,) of the 11th instant, enclosing copy of Office letter of even date, addressed to Mr. James A. McGonigle, contractor for the Completion (except certain vaults, plumbing, etc.,) of the Mint Building, in this city, approving certain hardware samples submitted for use under his contract, which samples have also been received and placed on file for reference during construction of the work.

Respectfully,

Clerk.

Construction,

Mint Building,

Denver, Colo., November 16,1903.

Mr.C.E.Kemper,

Acting Supervising Architect,

Treasury Department,Washington,D.C.

Sir:-

In the absence of the Superintendent,I have to acknowledge the receipt of your letter (initial F.B.W.) of the 12th instant,enclosing copy of Office letter of even date addressed to Mr.James A. McGonigle,contractor for the Completion(except certain vaults,plumbing,etc.) of the Mint Building,in this city,in reference to shop drawing No.249 for certain marble treads to be supplied under his contract, a copy of which drawing has also been received and placed on file.

Respectfully,

Clerk.

Construction,

Mint Building,

Denver, Colo., November 17, 1903.

The Honorable,

The Secretary of the Treasury,

Washington, D.C.

Sir:-

I have to request leave of absence for twenty-one days, beginning December 7th, next.

During the current year I have had nine days annual leave.

Respectfully,

Edward H. Talbot

Draftsman.

Construction,

Mint Building,

Denver, Colo., November 17,1903.

Mr.J.K.Taylor,

Supervising Architect,

Treasury Department,Washington,D.C.

Sir:-

In the absence of the Superintendent,I have to acknowledge the receipt of your letter (initial J.C.F.) of the 13th instant enclosing a full size detail showing the method of jointing Alberene stone to be placed in certain rooms in the Mint Building, in this city, and there has also been received,under separate cover, a sample of the accepted stone for the files of this office.

Respectfully,

Clerk.

Construction,

Mint Building,

Denver, Colo., November 18.1903.

Mr.J.K.Taylor,

Supervising Architect,

Treasury Department, Washington,D.C.

Sir:-

In the absence of the Superintendent, I have to acknowledge the receipt of your letter (initial J.C.P.) of the 14th instant containing instructions to obtain from the contractor a proposal for iron gates to be placed at the main entrance to the Mint Building,in this city,in accordance with revised drawing No.244-A,which has been received under separate cover, and in reply you are informed that your instructions will be fully complied with.

Respectfully,

Clerk.

Construction,

Mint Building,

Denver, Colo., November 20, 1903.

To the

Supervising Architect,

Treasury Department, Washington, D.C.

Sir:-

In accordance with instructions dated April 11th, initials "E.A.C.", I have the honor to submit herewith my report.

The work in place forming part of the Mechanical Equipment (except engines and generators), embraced in a contract with S. Faith & Company, has been installed in accordance with the terms of the agreement.

The steam fitters are at work, but the plumbers and electricians are on a strike.

The contractors are making every effort to secure workmen in order that the work of installing the plumbing and electrical work may proceed.

In view of the fact that the building is not supplied with heat, the contract for the Interior Finish is not being seriously delayed by reason of the strike before mentioned.

Respectfully,

Inspector, Heating, Hoisting & Ventilating Apparatus.

Construction,

Mint Building,

Denver, Colo., November 20, 1903.

Mr. J. K. Taylor,

Supervising Architect,

Treasury Department, Washington, D.C.

Sir:-

In the absence of the Superintendent, I have to acknowledge the receipt of your letter (initial F.) of the 16th instant, enclosing copy of Department letter of even date addressed to Messrs. S. Faith & Company in reference to the delay in their work of installing the Mechanical Equipment in the Mint Building, in this city, and directing the Superintendent to wire your Office on the 25th instant as to the conditions then existing regarding said contract with his recommendation in the matter, which instructions the Superintendent will comply with if he has returned to duty by that date.

Respectfully,

Clerk.

Construction,

Mint Building,

Denver, Colo., November 21, 1903.

Mr. J.K. Taylor,

Supervising Architect,

Treasury Department, Washington, D.C.

Sir:-

In the absence of the Superintendent, I have to acknowledge the receipt of your letter (initial F.B.W.) of the 17th instant in reference to Section 9-10 on drawing #H-85, forming part of the contract of S. Paith & Company for the Mechanical Equipment of the Mint Building, in this city, and advising that the I bars referred to must rest on the floor beams, and the contractors will be directed to construct the work accordingly.

Respectfully,

Clerk.

Construction,

Mint Building,

Denver,Colo.,November 21,1903.

Mr.J.K.Taylor,

Supervising Architect,

Treasury Department, Washington,D.C.

Sir:-

In the absence of the Superintendent, I have to acknowledge the receipt of your letter (initial F.) of the 17th instant,enclosing copy of report of W.O.Saville,Inspector,Heating,Hoisting & Ventilating Apparatus, and copy of Office letter of even date addressed to S.Faith & Company,in reference to shop inspection of rivets,tubes, &c., to be used in the construction of the boilers to be supplied under their contract for the Mechanical Equipment of the Mint Building, in this city, which report and letter have been placed on file.

Respectfully,

Clerk.

Construction,

Mint Building,

Denver,Colo., November 23,1903.

Flour City Ornamental Iron Works,

Minneapolis, Minnesota.

Gentlemen:-

Replying to your letter of the 19th instant,requesting information as to whether the building is in shape to receive the door jambs,main stairs,bronze entrance doors,etc.,under your contract, I have to state that Mr.Ullery, the Superintendent, is absent from the city and will not likely return until the last of the present week,when he will no doubt forward you the desired information.

Respectfully,

Dear Kennedy

Clerk.

Construction,

Mint Building.

Denver, Colo., November 23, 1903.

Messrs. S. Faith & Company,

Denver, Colorado.

Gentlemen:-

Your are requested to submit a proposal stating the amount, in addition to your contract for the Mechanical Equipment of the Mint Building, in this city, for which you will change the run of the 12" drain pipe at the west end of said building so that it will pass under area road at a point south of south wall of sweeps cellar, continuing north under area floor, under steps to sweeps cellar, and passing again under area wall north of north wall of sweeps cellar, using 1/8 bends in pipe in all cases, and forward the same to this office at your earliest convenience.

Respectfully,

Clerk.

Construction,

Mint Building,

Denver, Colo., November 23, 1903.

Mr. J. K. Taylor,

Supervising Architect,

Treasury Department, Washington, D.C.

Sir:-

In the absence of the Superintendent, I have to acknowledge the receipt of your letter(initial J.C.P.) of the 19th instant in reference to the 12" drain pipe to be placed under contract of S. Faith & Company for the Mechanical Equipment of the Mint Building, in this city, with instructions to obtain a proposal for changing the run of said pipe so that it will pass under area road at a point south of south wall of sweeps cellar and continue north under area floor, under steps to sweeps cellar, etc., which instructions will be complied with.

I have also to acknowledge the receipt of an additional copy of drawing No. 246, which has been placed on file.

Respectfully,

Clerk.

Construction,

Mint Building,

Denver, Colo., November 24, 1903.

Mr. J. R. Taylor,

Supervising Architect,

Treasury Department, Washington, D.C.

Sir:-

In the absence of the Superintendent, I have to acknowledge the receipt of your letter (initial J.C.P.) of the 20th instant, containing instructions to obtain from the contractor a proposal for dressing the circular panels on second story windows and the marble medallions on rear wall of the Mint Building, in this city, which instructions will be complied with.

Respectfully,

Bert Minick

Clerk.

Denver, Nov 25 903

The Supervising Architect,
Treasury Department,
Washington, D. C.

Plumbers and electricians have returned to work at the New Mint. Strike is settled permanently.

Superintendent of Construction

Construction,

Mint Building,

Denver, Colo., November 27, 1903.

To the

Supervising Architect,

Treasury Department, Washington, D.C.

Sir:-

Referring to instructions dated April 11th, initials "E.A.C.", I have the honor to submit herewith my report.

The work in place forming part of the Mechanical Equipment (except engines and generators), embraced in a contract with S. Faith & Co., has been installed in accordance with the terms of the agreement.

The plumbers and electricians have returned to work, and I am assured the strike is permanently settled.

The work is progressing satisfactorily when consideration is given to the delay in the delivery of the boilers.

About 28% of the heating and ventilating apparatus, 30% of the plumbing, 75% of the electric wire conduits and about 1% of the steam power plant have been installed.

The contractors have been requested to make every effort to push the work as rapidly as possible.

Respectfully,

Inspector, Heating, Hoisting & Ventilating Apparatus.

Construction,

Mint Building,

Denver, Colo., November 18, 1903.

Mr. James A. McConigle,

Denver, Colorado.

Sir:-

Referring to the Superintendent's letter of October 26th, last, requesting a proposal for iron gates to be placed at the main entrance to the Mint Building, in this city, in accordance with drawing No. 244, you are now informed that said drawing has been modified and a proposal is desired in accordance with drawing No. 244-A for said ornamental gates, a copy of which drawing may be seen on the files of this office.

Respectfully,

Clerk.

Construction,

Mint Building,

Denver, Colo., November 24,1903.

Mr.James A.McGonigle,

Denver, Colorado.

Sir:-

You are requested to submit a proposal stating the amount, in addition to your contract for the Completion,&c.,Mint Building,this city, for which you will dress the circular panels on all second story windows and the two marble medallions on the rear wall of said building so that said panels and medallions will be flat on line of sinkage at edge,and forward the same to this office at your earliest convenience.

Respectfully,

Clerk.

Mint Building, Denver, Colorado,

November 30th, 3.

Completed	75% Completed
92% "	30% "
None	Not begun
25% Completed	" "
90% "	15% Completed
95% "	(Fireproof) Completed
15% "	80% Completed
Completed	28% "
85% "	75% "
	Not begun

The strike of plumbers and electricians under S.Paith & Co.'s contract for the Mechanical Equipment, referred to on the 14th instant, has been settled and work has been resumed within the past few days. It is hoped that good progress will be made from now on, except in connection with the heating apparatus on which nothing can be done until the boilers are received.

Work under Mr.James A.McGonigle's contract of Completion, &c., is progressing slowly, the work performed being satisfactory.

Workmen employed as follows:5 marble workers,3 plasterers,2 bricklayers, 9 cement workers,2 lathers,3 iron workers,10 granite cutters,1 stonemason,5 plumbers,1 steam fitter,7 electricians,23 laborers.

Respectfully,

Superintendent.

Construction,

Mint Building,

Denver, Colo., December 1st, 1903.

Mr. C. B. Kemper,

Acting Supervising Architect,

Treasury Department, Washington, D. C.

Sir:-

I am in receipt of your letter (initial S.) of the 28th ultimo informing me of the acceptance of the proposal, in amount $2000.00, of Mr. Martin J. Wicklem for certain alterations in the Court House and Post Office building, in this city, with instructions that I confer with the Custodian and assist him in the supervision of the work and also in preparing and transmitting semi-monthly reports of progress of the work.

In reply I have to state that your instructions will be complied with.

Respectfully,

Superintendent.

Construction,

Mint Building,

Denver, Colo., December 1st, 1903.

Mr. J. K. Taylor,

Supervising Architect,

Treasury Department, Washington, D.C.

Sir:-

Referring to my letter of the 11th ultimo informing you that I had been subpoenaed to appear in Chicago on the 16th as a witness in the case of United States against L.L.Leach & Son, U.S.Court, I have now to inform you that I was so engaged until the 20th of November at which time I began my leave of absence granted on the 17th ultimo and returned to duty at the Mint Building, in this city, the 30th ultimo.

Respectfully,

Superintendent.

Construction,

Mint Building,

Denver, Colo., December 1st, 1903.

The Flour City Ornamental Iron Works,

Minneapolis, Minnesota.

Gentlemen:-

Replying to your letter making inquiry as to condition of work in the Mint Building, this city, with reference to placing cast iron jambs, ornamental stairs, etc., for which you have the sub-contract with Mr. James A. McGonigle, I have to inform you that Mr. McGonigle is in the city at this time and I have handed him your letter, so I presume you will in a few days receive the information sought by said letter.

Respectfully,

Superintendent.

Construction,

Mint Building,

Denver, Colo., December 2,1903.

Mr.J.K.Taylor,

Supervising Architect,

Treasury Department, Washington, D.C.

Sir:-

As directed in your letter(initial J.C.P.) of the 19th ultimo, Mr.Oscar Hinrichs,Clerk at this office,requested(during my absence in Chicago) Messrs.S.Faith & Company,contractors for the Mechanical Equipment of the Mint Building,in this city, to submit a proposal for changing the run of the 12" drain pipe along the west end of the building(a copy of his letter being herewith enclosed), and in response thereto the enclosed proposal,in amount $200.,dated the 28th ultimo,has been received and is forwarded herewith,endorsed by Mr.M.S.Thompson,Inspector,Heating,Hoisting & Ventilating Apparatus, and I recommend that,as the work is necessary in order to place the storage sweeps room and as the proposal is deemed reasonable, the same be accepted.

Respectfully,

Superintendent.

New Mint Building,
Denver,Col.,Dec.2,1903.

I respectfully recommend the acceptance of the within proposal.

Inspector,Heating,Hoisting & Ventilating App.

Construction,

Mint Building,

Denver, Colo., December 3,1903.

Messrs.S.Paith & Company,

Denver, Colorado.

Gentlemen:-

I have to request that you will state the amount,in addition to your contract for the Mechanical Equipment of the Mint Building,in this city,for which you will furnish and put in place a 2" conduit (similar to conduits put in place elsewhere under your contract),to be run from behind the switchboard in the Engine Room through the furred ceilings in the basement to the west end of the main corridor of the building,where it is to be dropped and carried through the exterior wall and through the walls of the Sweeps Room, where directed,and end near the ceiling of the same.

Respectfully,

Superintendent.

Construction,

Mint Building,

Denver, Colo., December 4, 1903.

To the

Supervising Architect,

Treasury Department, Washington, D.C.

Sir:-

Referring to instructions dated April 11th, initials "E. A.O.", I have the honor to submit herewith my report.

The work in place forming part of the Mechanical Equipment (except engines and generators), embraced in a contract with S. Smith & Company, has been installed in accordance with the terms of the agreement.

The work is progressing satisfactorily.

Respectfully,

F. E. Thompson

Inspector, Heating, Hoisting & Ventilating Apparatus.

Forwarded through the

Superintendent of Construction.

Construction,

Mint Building,

Denver, Colo., December 4,1903.

M.J.K.Taylor,

Supervising Architect,

Treasury Department, Washington, D.C.

Sir:-

In the matter of base skirting to be put in place under Mr.J.A. McGonigle's contract for the Completion(except certain vaults,plumbing, &c.) of the Mint Building,in this city,and referring to full size detail on drawing No.153,which shows the skirting straight and the floor abutting the same in Superintendent's room,and full size detail No.160 showing base in second story offices and beneath window J',where the base is shown to have a cove at floor, I have to ask whether it is intended that the second story offices shall include all second story rooms along the north front of the building and if no other wood base skirting in the building is to be prepared with a cove at the floor line.

The contractor has asked for an interpretation of the drawings and instructions as to whether the base skirting in the second story Adjusters room,Machine Shop,etc.,is to be straight or have a cove, also whether any other wood base than that in the north rooms of the second story is to be so made, and I will thank you to inform me in this matter at your earliest convenience.

Respectfully,

Superintendent.

Construction,

Mint Building,

Denver, Colo., December 5th, 1903.

Mr. J.K. Taylor,

Supervising Architect,

Treasury Department, Washington, D.C.

Sir:-

As directed in your letter (initial J.C.P.) of the 20th ultimo, Mr. Oscar Hinrichs, Clerk at this office, on November 24th requested Mr. James A. McGonigle, contractor for the Completion (except certain vaults, plumbing, etc.), Mint Building, in this city, to submit a proposal for dressing the circular panels over second story windows and the two marble medallions on the rear wall of the building (a copy of his letter being herewith enclosed), and in response I have received the enclosed proposal, in amount $575.00, which, in view of the amount of scaffolding, etc., necessary, is deemed reasonable and its acceptance recommended.

Respectfully,

Superintendent.

Construction,

Mint Building,

Denver, Colo., December 5th, 1903.

Mr. J.K. Taylor,

Supervising Architect,

Treasury Department, Washington, D.C.

Sir:-

On November 2nd, last, I requested Mr. James A. McGonigle, contractor for the Completion (except certain vaults, plumbing, etc.), Mint Building, in this city, to submit a proposal for furring corridor ceiling in the basement of said building from the line of exterior door to line of columns Nos. 38 and 43 (a copy of my letter being herewith enclosed), and in response have received the enclosed proposal, in amount $150.00, dated the 3rd inst.

The furring was deemed advisable in order to straighten the ceiling beneath the brick arches, the wall along east line of the corridor at that point being directly beneath a first floor beam, whereas at the west side of the corridor it strikes the soffit of the first floor arch about 16" west of a floor beam, making it impossible to place the plastering, cornice, etc. to give the ceiling a uniform appearance at both sides of the corridor; and also the electric lights in the ceiling must be placed about 11" east of the center of corridor in order that the canopy, etc., would fit the soffit of the arch, all of which will be remedied and the corridor and ceiling much improved by the furring called for, and as the proposal is deemed reasonable, I recommend its acceptance.

Respectfully,

Superintendent.

Construction,

Mint Building,

Denver, Colo., December 5th, 1903.

Mr. J.K. Taylor,

Supervising Architect,

Treasury Department, Washington, D.C.

Sir:-

As directed in your letter (initial J.C.P.) of the 18th ultimo, Mr. Oscar Hinrichs, Clerk at this office, on November 18th requested Mr. James A. McGonigle, contractor for the Completion (except certain vaults, plumbing, etc.), Mint Building, in this city, to submit a proposal for furnishing and placing iron gates at the entrance of said building, to be of design and construction indicated by drawing No. 244-A (a copy of his letter being herewith enclosed), and in response I have received the enclosed proposal, in amount $1350.00, for said work, which amount is deemed reasonable and acceptance recommended.

Respectfully,

Superintendent.

Construction,

[illegible] Building,

Den[illegible] Colo., December 5th, 1903.

Mr. J.K. Taylor,

Supervising Architect,

Treasury Department, Washington, D.C.

Sir:-

I am in receipt of your letter (initial F.B.W.) of the 1st instant, enclosing copy of Office letter of even date addressed to Mr. James A. McGonigle, contractor for the Completion (except certain vaults, plumbing, etc.) Mint Building, in this city, approving shop drawing No. 252 for certain marble work to be supplied under his contract, a copy of which drawing has also been received and placed on file.

Respectfully,

Superintendent.

Construction,

Mint Building,

Denver, Colo., December 5th, 1903.

Mr. J.K. Taylor,

Supervising Architect,

Treasury Department, Washington, D.C.

Sir:-

As directed in your letter (initial G.W.D.) of the 9th ultimo, I requested Mr. James A. McConigle, Contractor for the Completion (except certain vaults, plumbing, etc.) of the Mint Building, in this city, to submit a proposal to furnish the labor and materials required to construct the storage cellar for sweeps at said building in accordance with drawing No. 247 (a copy of my letter being herewith enclosed), and in response have received the enclosed proposal, in amount $10,800.00, dated the 3rd instant, which proposal is deemed reasonable and acceptance recommended.

Respectfully,

Superintendent.

Construction,

Mint Building,

Denver, Colo., December 5,1903.

Mr.J.K.Taylor,

Supervising Architect,

Treasury Department,Washington, D.C.

Sir:-

As directed in your letter (initial G.W.D.) of the 9th ultimo, I requested Mr.James A.McGonigle,contractor for the Completion (except certain vaults,plumbing,etc.),Mint Building,in this city, to submit a proposal for carving marble panels over first story openings and placing bronze discs in the granite wall near main entrance of said building(a copy of my letter of November 12th being herewith enclosed), and in response I have received the enclosed proposal,in amount $4,375.00, dated the 3rd instant, which proposal is considered reasonable and its acceptance recommended.

Respectfully,

Superintendent.

Construction,

Mint Building,

Denver, Colo., December 5th, 1903.

Mr. J. K. Taylor,

Supervising Architect,

Treasury Department, Washington, D.C.

Sir:-

As directed in your letter (initial J.C.P.) of the 5th ultimo, I requested Mr. James A. McGonigle, contractor for the Completion (except certain vaults, plumbing, etc.) Mint Building, in this city, to submit a proposal for placing the hatchway and two wall boxes in the first floor and walls of the Engine Room in basement where indicated by drawing No. 31-A and 248 (a copy of my letter of November 9th being herewith enclosed), and in response have received the enclosed proposal, in amount $215.00, which proposal is deemed reasonable and acceptance recommended.

Respectfully,

Superintendent.

Construction,

Mint Building,

Denver, Colo., December 5, 1903.

Mr. J. K. Taylor,

Supervising Architect,

Treasury Department, Washington, D.C.

Sir:-

On October 29th, last, I requested Mr. James A. McGonigle, contractor for the Completion (except certain vaults, plumbing, etc.) of the Mint Building, in this city, to submit a proposal for alterations of flues in the basement corridor, including change and repairs to terra cotta of same, also furring and placing registers in furred ceilings, etc., including framing (a copy of my letter being herewith enclosed), and in response have received the enclosed proposal, in amount $110.00, dated the 3rd instant, which proposal is deemed reasonable in view of the amount of change of terra cotta work, ceiling furring, etc., and I recommend acceptance of the same.

This proposal is in lieu of that forwarded to you on October 21st, last, and referred to in my letter of October 23rd. The registers and change of flues were not shown on drawings for Mr. McGonigle's work and which he used in making up his original proposal, as stated in my letter of October 21st, referred to.

Respectfully,

Superintendent.

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Construction,

Mint Building,

Denver,Colo.,December 7,1903.

Mr.J.K.Taylor,

Supervising Architect,

Treasury Department,Washington,D.C..

Sir:-

I am in receipt of your letter (initial J.C.P.) of the 3rd instant,enclosing copy of letter of same date addressed to Mr.J.A.McGonigle,contractor for Completion (except certain Vaults,Plumbing etc.) of the Mint Building in this city informing him of acceptance of sample of sash chain,which has also been received and placed on file for reference during construction of the work.

Respectfully,

Superintendent.

Construction,

Mint Building,

Denver, Colo., December 7, 1903.

Mr. J.K. Taylor,

Supervising Architect,

Treasury Department, Washington, D.C.

Sir:-

I am in receipt of your letter (initial J.C.P.) of 3rd instant, enclosing copy of Department letter of same date, accepting proposal of James F. Earley for certain plaster models required for the Mint Building in this city.

Respectfully,

Superintendent.

Construction.

Mint Building.

Denver, Colorado, December 9th, 1903.

Mr. J. K. Taylor.

Supervising Architect, Treasury Department,

Washington, D. C.

Sir:-

As authorized by Department letter (initial S), of the 5th instant, a voucher dated the 10th instant will be issued to Mr. Edward W. Roberts, draftsman at this office, as payment in full for his services, to and including that date.

Respectfully,

Superintendent.

Construction,

Mint Building,

Denver, Colo., December 14th, 1903

Mr.J.K.Taylor,

Supervising Architect,

Treasury Department, Washington, D.C.

Sir:-

I am in receipt of your letter (initial F.B.W.) of the 9th instant, informing me as to wood base skirting to be put in place in the first and second stories under Mr.James A.McGonigle's contract of Completion(except certain vaults, plumbing, etc.), Mint Building, in this city, and in reply will say that I have informed the contractor as stated in your letter.

Respectfully,

Superintendent.

Construction,

Mint Building,

Denver, Colo., December 14th,190

Mr.James A.McGonigle,

Denver, Colorado.

Sir:-

Referring to our recent conversation as to cove of base skirting to be put in place under your contract of Completion, &c., I have to inform you that the Supervising Architect, in a letter of the 9th instant,states that all second story rooms with wood floors,including Adjuster's room, machine shop, etc., are to have cove at base as shown on full size detail No. 160, and that all first story rooms with wood floors are to have skirting as shown on full size detail sheet No.153.

Respectfully,

Leo Ullery

Superintendent.

Completed	75% Completed
92% "	30% "
None	Not begun
25% Completed	" "
90% "	15% Completed
95% "	(Fireproof) Completed
15% "	80% "
Completed	28% "
85% "	75% "
	Not begun.

Considerable progress has been made since the 1st instant in the work of plumbing and electric wire conduits under S.Faith & Co.'s contract of Mechanical Equipment, but practically nothing has been done in connection with the heating apparatus and power plant owing to the fact that the boilers have not been received.

Work under Mr.J.A.McConigle's contract of Completion,&c., is progressing slowly owing to the lack of heating apparatus, but it is not unlikely that the contractor may finish his work within the contract time.

Workmen employed as follows: 6 marble workers,3 plasterers,2 brick layers, 2 lathers, 3 iron workers,8 granite cutters,5 plumbers, 1 steam fitter,7 electricians and 23 laborers.

Respectfully,

Superintendent.

Construction,

Mint Building,

Denver, Colo., December 15,1903.

Messrs.S.Faith & Company,

Denver, Colorado.

Gentlemen:-

Referring to your contract for the Mechanical Equipment(except engines and generators) of the U.S.Mint (New),in this city,your attention is directed to paragraphs Nos.26 and 32 of the specification.

In view of the authority granted under paragraph No.32, to the Superintendent of Construction,you are hereby directed to use more diligence in the prosecution of your work as there exists no good reason why you cannot enclose and heat certain apartments and proceed with the brick and concrete work embraced in your contract.

Your especial attention is also called to the subject of the artesian well,embraced in your contract,and you are hereby directed to make every effort to have the work of sinking said well begun on or about January 1st,1904.

Any further delays in the sinking of this well will not be tolerated.

You are cognizant of the fact that since September of the current year you have seriously delayed the work of installing the interior finish of this building,and you are hereby notified that unless better progress is made in your work,the Superintendent of Construction will recommend the suspension of payments to you as per paragraph No.26 of the specification.

Please give this matter your immediate attention.

Respectfully,

Inspector,Heating,Pneating and Ventilating Apparatus.

Construction,

Mint Building,

Denver,Colo.,December 17,1903.

Mr.J.K.Taylor,

Supervising Architect,

Treasury Department,Washington,D.C.

Sir:-

Referring to the rear stairs south of lift No.2,Mint Building,in this city,leading from the basement floor to the landing at door P,which landing is indicated on drawings Nos.100 and 130,being at elevation 45.6' (the level of the engine room floor), I have to state that the said run of steps has been constructed and placed with 7 1/2" risers as indicated by dotted line on drawing No.100,seven risers being placed with newel as indicated; and as the distance from the basement floor(50.6') down to the landing 45.6'(as indicated on drawing No.100) is 5 feet, the seven risers do not extend to the proper level at the foot,there being a discrepancy of 7 1/2 inches, so that it would seem that eight risers were required. I have to ask instructions therefore as to the construction of the floor at the foot of said stairs. Shall I require a concrete and cement step or require that portion of the floor north of door opening P to be 7 1/2" higher than the south portion so as to permit the latter portion to be on line of engine room floor, and should a cast iron riser and tread be supplied and placed on the raised portion of said floor directly at the foot of the stairs? I have been unable to obtain the information from the

shop drawings for the rear stairs as to the intended finish at this point, and I request that instructions be given as early as possible.

Respectfully,

Superintendent.

Construction,

Mint Building,

Denver, Colo., December 16, 1903.

To the

Supervising Architect,

Treasury Department, Washington, D.C.

Sir:-

Referring to instructions dated April 11th, initials "E.A.C.", I have the honor to submit herewith my report.

The work in place forming part of the Mechanical Equipment (except engines and generators), has been installed in accordance with the terms of the agreement.

The work has not been progressing as satisfactorily as desired, and the Superintendent and myself, under date of the 15th instant, officially notified the contractors to use every effort to expedite the work.

Respectfully,

[signature]

Inspector, Heating, Hoisting & Ventilating Apparatus.

Forwarded through the

Superintendent of Construction.

Construction,

Mint Building,

Denver, Colo., December 21, 1903.

Mr. J. K. Taylor,

Supervising Architect,

Treasury Department, Washington, D.C.

Sir:-

I am in receipt of your letter (initial S.) of the 17th instant, enclosing report of W.O. Saville, Inspector of Heating, Hoisting and Ventilating Apparatus, as the result of an examination of the boiler tubes to be supplied under contract with S. Faith & Company for the Mechanical Equipment of the Mint Building, in this city, the contents of which report have been noted and the same placed on file.

Respectfully,

Superintendent.

Construction,

Mint Building, Denver

Denver, Colo., December 21, 1903.

Mr. J.K. Taylor,

Supervising Architect,

Treasury Department, Washington, D.C.

Sir:-

I am in receipt of Department letter (initial S.) of the 16th instant, informing me that Mr. Edward W. Roberts, Draftsman, took the oath of office in your Office on the 15th instant and that his compensation ceased in connection with his duties at the Mint Building, this city, on the 14th instant, and directing me to certify the voucher enclosed with said letter for his services to the latter date after deducting the amount of voucher which I issued to him on the 10th instant, and in reply I have to inform you that I have complied with said instructions and presented the voucher to Mr. Frank M. Downer, Disbursing Agent, for payment.

The receipt, however, as filled out at your Office and signed on the face of said voucher, was for $34.24, whereas the previous payment was for $2[illegible].46 by voucher No. 385 and upon which a check was issued; and as the balance now due is $[illegible].78, it appeared necessary to change the signed receipt on said voucher to that amount, which I have done and which I presume is correct.

Respectfully,

Superintendent.

Construction,

Mint Building,

Denver, Colo.,December 24th,1903.

Mr.J.K.Taylor,

Supervising Architect,

Treasury Department,Washington,D.C.

Sir:-

At the suggestion of Mr.N.S.Thopmson,Inspector,Heating Hoisting & Ventilating Apparatus,connected with the Mint Building,in this city, I requested Messrs.S.Faith & Company,contractors for the Mechanical Equipment of said building, to submit a proposal for the substitution of best grade of asbestos covered wire for the slow burning weather proof wire over boilers and Economizer rooms in said building,as per my letter of September 16th,last(a copy of which is enclosed herewith),and in response have received the enclosed proposal,in amount $157.00,dated November 10th,1903, the one amount being given in the proposal is understood to include all wiring asked for in my letter of September 16th.

At the time of the recent visit to this building of Mr.F. E.Healy,Engineer in charge,Denver Mint Equipment, this matter of asbestos covered wire and rubber covered wire was considered,and I have now to forward the said proposal,bearing Mr.Thompson's endorsement,for such action as you think necessary in the case.

Respectfully,

Superintendent.

Construction,

Mint Building,

Denver, Colo., December 26, 1903.

Mr. J. K. Taylor,

Supervising Architect,

Treasury Department, Washington, D.C.

Sir:-

I am in receipt of your letter (initial F.B.W.) of the 22nd instant, informing me that Mr. Nelson S. Thompson, Inspector, Heating Hoisting and Ventilating Apparatus, in connection with the Mint Building, in this city, has been transferred from Denver, Colorado, to Boston, Massachusetts.

Respectfully,

Superintendent.

Construction,

Mint Building,

Denver,Colo.,December 26,1903.

Mr.J.K.Taylor,

Supervising Architect,

Treasury Department,Washington,D.C.

Sir:-

I am in receipt of your letter (initial J.C.P.) of the 21st instant ,enclosing copy of Office letter of even date addressed to Messrs.S.Faith & Company,contractors for the Mechanical Equipment of the Mint Building,in this city,and confirming Office telegram of the 19th instant as follows:

> "Issue no vouchers under contract Faith and Company until directed. Letter".

and in compliance with instructions in letter and telegram I will withhold vouchers in payment for work under their contract until further instructions.

Respectfully,

Superintendent.

Construction,

Mint Building,

Denver, Colo., December 28, 1903.

Mr. J. K. Taylor,

Supervising Architect,

Treasury Department, Washington, D.C.

Sir:-

I am in receipt of your letter (initial J.C.P.) of the 24th instant directing me to obtain from the contractor of the Mint Building, this city, a proposal for placing an additional concrete and cement step at the foot of the stairs leading from basement floor to door P, and I have requested the contractor to submit said proposal which will be forwarded to you immediately upon its receipt.

Respectfully,

Superintendent.

Construction,

Mint Building,

Denver,Colo.,December 28,1903.

Mr.James A.McGonigle,

Denver,Colorado.

Sir:-

I have to request that you will state the amount,in addition to your contract for the Completion,&c.,Mint Building,this city,for which you will place an additional step of concrete and cement finish at the foot of stair landing near door P(Engine room floor level) of said building,the concrete and cement work to be in accordance with specification for basement floor,etc. The rise and tread of said step to correspond with those of the iron stairs leading from basement floor level to said doorway,and the concrete work to extend back under said stairs to secure newel post,etc., of the iron stairs.

Respectfully,

Superintendent.

Construction,

Mint Building,

Denver, Colo.,December 28,1903.

To the

Supervising Architect,

Treasury Department,Washington,D.C.

Sir:-

Referring to instructions dated December 22nd,initials "F.B. W.", I have the honor to submit herewith my report.

The work in place forming part of the Mechanical Equipment(except engines and generators),embraced in a contract with S.Faith & Co., has been installed in accordance with the terms of the agreement.

The plumbing is practically roughed in and the outside drainage work,except city sewer connections,is practically completed. The work of making city sewer connections is progressing favorably.

About 1% of the marble work has been set in the toilet rooms.

The heating apparatus is practically completed except setting and connecting radiators and vacuum pumps.

The heating and ventilating ducts and flues are practically completed.

The economizer setting is about 5% completed,but the economizer sections have not been set,the representative of the economizer people having left the building.

The delay in the delivery of the boilers has held back all the

heavy pipe work and has been a source of great annoyance in endeavoring to push the work,as they form the starting point in the steam power plant section.

It seems nearly impossible to secure a prompt delivery of material in this city,and as so much of the material used in the construction of the Mechanical Equipment is special,the delay in its completion is excusable.

I have endeavored(without success) by verbal and a few official requests to push the work to a speedy completion.

Until the delivery of the boilers and also the return of favorable weather, I suggest that no inspector in the Mechanical and Electrical Department be stationed here as the work is progressing slowly and I deem the Superintendent of Construction capable of securing full compliance with the terms of the agreement.

Respectfully,

F. L. Thompson

Inspector,Heating,Hoisting
& Ventilating Apparatus.

Construction,

Mint Building,

Denver, Colo., December 29, 1903.

Mr. C. F. Kemper,

Chief Executive Officer,

Office of the Supervising Architect,

Treasury Department, Washington, D.C.

Sir:-

I have to request authority to expend Thirty Dollars ($30.) for three months' telephone service, beginning January 1st, 1904, in the temporary office at the Mint Building, in this city, under my charge.

Respectfully,

Superintendent.

Construction,

Mint Building,

Denver,Colo.,December 29,1903.

Mr.C.B.Morrison,

537 Monadnock Building, Chicago, Illinois.

Dear Sir:-

I understood Mr.Bethea,District Attorney,when I was in Chicago on my way back to Denver after the Leach case,that you had asked for a new trial,and if any decision has been reached in the matter,I would be glad to know what it is and whether there is any likelihood of a new trial. If there is a new trial,I would think it well for you to have the postmaster,Mr.Mitchell,go into the attic and examine the under side of the booktile to ascertain positively whether any of the copper clips were pulled out as Leach's witnesses testified, and it would also be well to have the Supervising Architect furnish certified copies of drawings of the contract and especially certified copy of full size detail sheet No.86 which shows the construction of transoms,etc. If you think it advisable,in case there is to be a new trial,it might be well to suggest to the Supervising Architect that I make another visit to Pueblo before going to Chicago in order also to make examination of the roof as to copper clips,detail drawings,etc.

Hoping to hear from you soon, I am

Respectfully,

Superintendent.

Construction,

Mint Building,

Denver, Colo., December 30, 1903.

Chas.A.Olcott Planing Mill Co.,

3300 North Broadway,

St.Louis, Missouri.

Gentlemen:-

I am in receipt of your letter of the 28th instant relative to deduction on account of substituting plain sawed hard pine for quarter sawed pine for basement, Mint Building, this city, and in reply will say that as soon as Mr.McGonigle or his representative returns to the building we will take up this matter again with the Department and hope that it will be settled satisfactorily at an early date.

The stamped envelope enclosed with your letter is returned to you herewith.

Respectfully,

Superintendent.

Mint Building, Denver, Colorado.

December 31st, 3

Completed	75% Completed
92% "	30% "
None	Not begun
25% Completed	" "
90% "	15% completed
95% "	(Fireproof) Completed
15% "	80% Completed
Completed	28% "
65% "	75% "
	Not begun

The placing of plumbing and heating pipes under S.Faith & Co.'s contract of Mechanical Equipment is progressing slowly. The electric wire conduits have practically been completed. Some wiring has been done.

Work under James A.McGonigle's contract of Completion, &c., is progressing slowly. Quite a large portion of the door and window frames and trims have been received, and some of them have been put in place.

Mechanics employed: 5 marble workers, 3 plasterers, 1 bricklayer, 8 granite cutters, 5 plumbers, 1 steam fitter, 7 electricians and 15 laborers.

Respectfully,

Superintendent.

Construction,

Mint Building,

Denver,Colo.,January 2nd,1904.

Messrs.S.Faith & Company,

Denver, Colorado.

Gentlemen:-

Referring to your proposal,in amount $157.00, dated November 10,1903,for change of wiring under your contract of Mechanical Equipment,Mint Building,this city,I have to inform you that the Department directs me to reject said proposal and to ask you to submit,in lieu of the same,a proposition stating the amount,in addition to your contract,for which you will substitute rubber covered wire for the slow burning waterproof wire in and on the boiler room ceiling,this being the only place where the latter brand of wire is specifically called for,and with this change rubber covered wire will be used throughout the entire work.

I will thank you to also state the amount in addition to your contract for which you will enclose the group of feeders which run on ceiling of boiler room with wire lathing and hard asbestos plaster or in some other manner which you will suggest and which will meet the approval of the Department. No other conduits must be run on the ceilings of boiler,economizer or engine rooms,but in the first floor construction.

Respectfully,

Superintendent.

Construction,

Mint Building,

Denver, Colo., January 2,1904.

Mr.J.K.Taylor,

Supervising Architect,

Treasury Department, Washington, D.C.

Sir;-

I am in receipt of your letter (initial J.C.P.) of the 29th ultimo directing me to reject the proposal of S.Faith & Company, contractors for the Mechanical Equipment of the Mint Building,in this city,which was forwarded to your Office on the 24th ultimo for change of wiring in said building,and directing me to obtain from them a proposal for the use of rubber covered wire over Boiler room and for enclosing group of feeders with wire lathing and asbestos plaster,which proposal I have requested and will forward to you immediately upon its receipt.

Respectfully,

Superintendent.

Construction,

Mint Building,

Denver, Colo., January 2, 1904.

Mr. J. K. Taylor,

Supervising Architect,

Treasury Department, Washington, D.C.

Sir:-

I am in receipt of your letter (initial F.B.W.) of the 29th ultimo enclosing copy of Office letter of same date and sketch sent to The Diebold Safe & Lock Company, contractors for Burglar Proof Vaults in the Mint Building, this city, relative to numbering of doors and key tags for storage vault, which letters and sketch have been placed on file for reference during construction of the work.

Respectfully,

Superintendent.

January 2,1904.

Supervising Architect,

Treasury, Washington, D.C.

Has permission been given Faith & Company to change location of artesian well. If so,what. Wire answer.

Ullery, Supt.Mint.

Official Business,
Gov'T Rate, Collect.

DENVER, NEW MINT, Dec.29, 1903.
Director.--Ash hoists.

TREASURY DEPARTMENT,
Office Supervising Architect,
Dec.29,1903.

Respectfully referred to the Superintendent of Construction, U.S. Mint (new), Denver, Colo., for his consideration and return to this office with report and recommendation.

Supervising Architect.

Office Supt. Construction,
New Mint, Denver, Colo.
January 2, 1904.

Respectfully returned to the Supervising Architect with information that ash hoist was set as directed in Office letter of December 7, 1903. Have understood that met approval of Office Director of Mint. Space over shaft to wall across inlet boot 4'6". If changed to discharge to the south said space will be 8'6". can be done by changing concrete foundation and pit and spacing of I beams above same.

Superintendent.

Office Supt Construction,
New Mint, Denver, Colo.
January 2, 1904.

Respectfully returned to the Supervising Architect with information that the two eye-bolts referred to have been increased 18" in length, and the hanger moved to back of brick wall. The wheel stop on crane runway must be set to give clear space of 9" between the stops and the line at face of enameled brick work. I conferred with Mr. Healy and the representative of the contractor for crane and advised both changes which they approved and which the contractor's representative agreed to make. He is now out of the city but expected back about the 15th instant.

Superintendent.

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Construction,

Mint Building,

Denver, Colo., January 4th, 1904.

Mr. J. K. Taylor,

Supervising Architect,

Treasury Department, Washington, D.C.

Sir:-

On the 3rd ultimo I requested Messrs. S. Faith & Company, contractors for the Mechanical Equipment of the Mint Building, in this city, to state the amount, in addition to their contract, for which they would furnish and put in place a 2" conduit as noted on Section A-A, Drawing No. 247-B (Details for storage cellar for sweeps) (a copy of my letter being herewith enclosed), and in response have received the enclosed proposal, in amount $223.00, for said work which proposal is deemed reasonable considering the cutting of walls for placing the conduit and the inconvenience of placing same over furred down ceiling of corridor, etc., and I recommend acceptance of said proposal provided contract is awarded for the sweeps cellar.

Respectfully,

Superintendent.

Construction,

Mint Building,

Denver, Colo., January 4th,1904.

Mr.J.K.Taylor,

Supervising Architect,

Treasury Department,Washington,D.C.

Sir:-

I am in receipt of your letter (initial F.B.W.) of the 30th ultimo,enclosing copy of Office letter of even date,addressed to the Diebold Safe & Lock Company,and print of shop drawing showing vault door stop in connection with their contract for Burglar Proof Vaults,Mint Building,this city, which letter and print have been placed on file for reference during construction of the work.

Respectfully,

Superintendent.

Construction,

Mint Building,

Denver, Colo., January 7,1904.

Mr.J.K.Taylor,

Supervising Architect,

Treasury Department,Washington,D.C.

Sir:-

In accordance with suggestion made in Office letter of October 30,1903,addressed to Mr.James A.McGonigle,contractor for the Completion(except certain vaults,plumbing,etc.),Mint Building,in this city,(which letter was enclosed in Office letter(initial J.C.P.) of the same date addressed to me),in reference to substitution of flat grained yellow pine in joinery finish in basement of said building, the contractor has submitted to me the enclosed proposal making a deduction of $35.00 from his contract for said substitution. The amount of lumber required for said joinery finish is about four thousand board feet,and the difference in wholesale price between quarter sawed and flat grained yellow pine is $8.00 per thousand feet, so that figuring on that basis the proposal is deemed reasonable and I therefore recommend its acceptance.

Respectfully,

Superintendent.

Construction,

Mint Building,

Denver, Colo., January 9,1904.

Mr.J.K.Taylor,

Supervising Architect,

Treasury Department, Washington, D.C.

Sir:-

Referring to the trim on corridor side of doors D,indicated on drawing #118 in Mr.James A.McGonigle's contract for Completion (except certain vaults,plumbing,etc.), Mint Building,in this city, which drawing calls for cast iron trim and a plinth is shown in elevation without note, contractor's shop drawing,sheet E-4,approved March 6,1903, has noted at elevation of said doors "Granolithic plinth".

As it will extend about four inches on the iron work of the door frame the cement will not adhere well to the iron,and it will project beyond the base skirting and will likely receive many knocks. I therefore have to ask whether it would not be advisable to substitute cast iron plinths in lieu of the granolithic, and have the granolithic skirting abutt the same.

Respectfully,

Leo Kelley

Superintendent.

Construction,

Mint Building,

Denver, Colo., January 9,1904.

Mr.J.K.Taylor,

Supervising Architect,

Treasury Department,Washington,D.C.

Sir:-

I am in receipt of your letter (initial S.) of the 6th instant,enclosing copy of report of the 15th ultimo from Mr.A.A.Packard on progress of work at the Mint Building,in this city, and as requested in your letter,I have to inform you that the joinery work for this building,under Mr.James A.McGonigle's contract of Completion(except certain vaults,plumbing,etc.), is being manufactured by the Chas A. Olcott Planing Mill Company, 3500 North Broadway,St.Louis,Missouri. Most of the window frames and sashes have been delivered at the building. The remainder of the joinery work is, I understand,well under way in course of completion at the mill. The material delivered has been found to be satisfactory.

As directed in that portion of your letter referring to the progress of work under S.Faith & Company's contract for the Mechanical Equipment,I will report to you on the 20th instant as to what steps have been taken to secure more satisfactory progress.

Respectfully,

Lee Utley

Superintendent.

Construction,

Mint Building,

Denver, Colo., January 11th, 1904.

Mr. J.K. Taylor,

Supervising Architect,

Treasury Department, Washington, D.C.

Sir:-

I am in receipt of your letter (initial S.) of the 8th instant, enclosing copy of report, dated the 2nd instant, submitted by representative of your Office as the result of shop tests of certain motors to be supplied in connection with S. Faith & Company's contract for the Mechanical Equipment of the Mint Building, in this city, which report and letter have been placed on file for reference during construction of the work.

Respectfully,

Superintendent.

Construction,

Mint Building,

Denver, Colo., January 12,1904.

Mr.J.K.Taylor,

Supervising Architect,

Treasury Department, Washington, D.C.

Sir:-

I forward to you,under separate cover, a sample of plated cast iron which was sent here from your Office about the last of November during my absence in Chicago, but it was not accompanied by any letter or other information regarding it,except being marked on the inside "9-29-03". I have conferred with the sub-contractor for the ornamental iron work(who recently returned to the building) but have been unable to ascertain anything in regard to said sample,and I return it to you with request for information concerning it or for use elsewhere,as it may have been intended for the Mint at Philadelphia instead of the building here.

The delay in returning this sample is owing to the fact that for some time I expected a letter concerning it,after which I waited for the return of the sub-contractor who supplies the ornamental iron work who I thought might be able to identify it.

Respectfully,

Superintendent.

Construction,

Mint Building,

Denver, Colo., January 12,1904.

Mr.J.K.Taylor,

Supervising Architect,

Treasury Department, Washington, D.C.

Sir:-

In accordance with instructions in your letter (initial J.C.P.) of May 6th,1903, I send you today,under separate cover, two quarts of Colorado Portland Cement taken from a supply received for use under Mr.James A.McGonigle's contract for the Completion (except certain vaults,plumbing,etc.) of the Mint Building,in this city, the same being forwarded for test as to tensile strength,etc.

I have tested the cement as to fineness and it meets that requirement of the specification.

Respectfully,

Superintendent.

Construction,

Mint Building,

Denver, Colo., January 12,1904.

Mr.C.B.Morrison,

537 Monadnock Building,

Chicago, Illinois.

Dear Sir:-

I am in receipt of your letter referring to the motion for a new trial in the Leach case,and I thank you for your kind refsrence to me as a witness in the case. It would seem to me a new trial should be granted and that Mr.Leach should not be given permission to go on the witness stand. He testified that he never was at the building,hence he was not a witness as to the defects shown in the work,and the only testimony the defence wanted to get from him was as to his insolvency,and as the judge decided his insolvency did not release the bondsmen,it could have no other effect than to influence the jury and it does not seem proper therefore to have him on the witness stand. I am satisfied that his testimony influenced the jury and secured for the defendant the verdict in his behalf.

I am quite enthusiastic about this case because I think it is right that every contractor should be responsible for his bad work,and that a verdict against Leach will be a lesson to lots of irresponsible contractors and in favor of honest contractors of whom,I am glad to say,there are many.

With best wishes, I am

Respectfully yours,

Superintendent.

Construction.

Mint building.

Denver Colorado, January, 13, 1904.

Mr. J. K. Taylor,

Supervising Architect, Treasury Department,

Washington, D. C.

Sir:-

I am in receipt of your letter (initial J.C.F.), of the 9th instant relative to the ash hoist at the Mint building in this city and I have requested the contractor to submit a proposal for changing the same, which proposal will be forwarded to your office when received.

Respectfully,

Superintendent.

Construction.

Mint Building,

Denver, Colorado, January 13, 1904.

Mr. J. K. Taylor,

Supervising Architect, Treasury Department,

Washington, D. C.

Sir:

I am in receipt of your letter (Initial J. C. P.), of the 9th instant, informing me that a plan and specification for lighting fixtures for the Mint Building in this city had been forwarded to this office which plan and specification have been received and placed on file for reference.

Respectfully,

Lee Utley

Superintendent.

Construction,

Mint Building,

Denver, Colorado, January 13th, 1904.

Messrs. S. Faith and Company,

Denver, Colorado.

Gentlemen;-

I have to request that you state the amount in addition to your contract for Mechanical Equipment for the Mint Building in this city, for which you will change the ash hoist so that it will discharge toward the south instead of to the west as at present, making the necessary changes in the concrete foundation and walls of the ash pit and the alterations in the iron work etc., above same and I will thank you to also state in lieu of the above the amount for which you will remove the hoist four feet to the west of its present position and make the changes in foundation, pit etc., the hoist to discharge toward the west as at present.

Respectfully,

Superintendent.

Construction,

Mint Building,

Denver, Colo., January 15,1904.

Mr.J.K.Taylor,

Supervising Architect,

Treasury Department, Washington, D.C.

Sir:-

I am in receipt of your letter (initial S.) of the 12th instant forwarding blue print copies of drawings Nos.1,2,3,4,5,6,7, 8 and 9,for certain stair work to be supplied by Forster and Smith, contractors for the U.S.Public Building,Cheyenne,Wyoming,which stair work is being prepared by the Denver Iron and Wire Works,this city, with instructions to inspect said stair work and report to you from time to time, and in reply will state that your instructions will be complied with.

Respectfully,

Superintendent.

Completed	90% Completed
94%	35% "
None	Completed
50% Completed	5% Completed
95% "	15% Completed
98% "	(Fireproof) Completed
20% "	80% Completed
Completed	30% "
65% "	80% "
	10% "

The work on plumbing,heating,etc.,under Messrs.S.Faith & Co.'s contract of Mechanical Equipment progresses very slowly. It is reported that the boilers have been shipped,but the failure to receive the same and the fact that nothing has yet been done towards satisfactory completion of the artesian well and interior plumbing and heating work generally has been delayed,serious delay has been caused in the progress of other contracts.

Work under Mr.James A.McGonigle's contract of Completion,&c., is progressing as rapidly as the weather and conditions of work under other contracts will permit. Many of the window frames and the cast iron door frames have been set,and considerable glazing has been done. The iron work of main stairs and the marble work of corridors is progressing rapidly.

Mechanics employed:7 iron workers,6 bricklayers,6 copper-workers, 4 stone setters,4 carpernters,1 painter,6 marble workers,12 granite cutters,1 blacksmith,3 electricians,3 steam fitters,2 plumbers, and 15 laborers.

Respectfully,

Superintendent.

Construction,

Mint Building,

Denver, Colo., January 18,1904.

Messrs.S.Faith & Company,

Denver, Colorado.

Gentlemen:-

I will thank you to state the amount,in addition to your contract for the Mechanical Equipment of the Mint Building,this city, for which you will run the 5" cast iron soil pipe and the 4" terra cotta waste pipe,at the rear of the building and running to the 15" diameter sewer in the alley, so that the said two pipes will pass through the south wall of the building at elevation 47.10', city datum (instead of 45.65',as noted on drawing P-73), and run with uniform grade to the Y branches which are approximately in the location indicated on said drawing for the connection of said two runs of pipe.

Any additional piping required and cutting of walls to be included in this proposal. The piping already laid may be re-used where practicable by raising the same to the new elevation as indicated. The elevation of center of Y to which the 5" pipe is to be connected is approximately 46.54, and the 4" terra cotta waste pipe, approximately 46.16.

Respectfully,

Superintendent.

OFFICE OF
SUPERINTENDENT OF Construction,
U.S. Mint Building,
Denver, Colo., January 18,1904.

Mr.J.K.Taylor,
Supervising Architect,
Treasury Department, Washington, D.C.

Sir:-

Referring to your letter(initial S.) of the 12th instant forwarding blue print copies of drawing for stair work for the U.S.Public Building,Cheysnne,Wyoming,and instructing me to inspect the same at the shops in this city,I have to state that on the 16th instant I visited the shops of the Denver Iron and Wire Works,examined the drawings and the work thus far completed and found that a few castings have been gotten out,being the cast iron brackets for stair strings. No other castings have been made for said work. I find that about one third to one half of the steel structural work is being prepared,and the foreman stated that all of the steel work was on hand and could be prepared in a short time.

The cast iron brackets are from 5/ 8" to 3/8" in thickness, whereas,full size detail sheet #73,received by said company from the contractors Forster & Smith,January 7, shows said brackets 1/2" thick. The castings gotten out(about twenty in number) are apparently of good,tough gray cast iron, and as three strings with brackets are to be spaced in each run of stairs,it would seem that the brackets are amply strong, but

the sub-contractors will cast no more until they receive instructions concerning the same.

The wrought iron bars of the balustrade, indicated on shop drawings approved and forwarded to me, are 5/8" square, whereas full size detail #73, from your Office, shows said bars 1/2" square. I informed the sub-contractors that it is customary for full size details to govern in preference to scale drawings, and unless you instruct them otherwise, they will make said bars 1/2" square as per full size details. I therefore recommend that you inform the contractors, Forster & Smith at the earliest possible moment concerning the thickness of the cast iron brackets and the size of the bars of balustrade in order that they may inform the Denver Iron and Wire Works in time to avoid delay in their work.

Respectfully,

Superintendent.

Construction,

Mint Building,

Denver, Colo., January 18,1904.

Mr.J.K.Taylor,

Supervising Architect,

Treasury Department,Washington, D.C.

Sir:-

I am in receipt of your letter (initial J.C.P.) of the 15th instant,enclosing copy of Department letter of even date accepting the proposal of S.Faith & Company,contractors for the Mechanical Equipment of the Mint Building,in this city,to deduct the sum of $20. from their contract for the installation of two motors that have failed as to efficiency in shop tests,etc., which letter has been placed on file.

Respectfully,

Superintendent.

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Construction,

Mint Building,

Denver, Colo., January 18,1904.

Mr.J.K.Taylor,

Supervising Architect,

Treasury Department,Washington, D.C.

Sir:-

I am in receipt of your letter (initial F.B.W.) of the 15th instant relative to plinth on corridor side of doors "D" included in Mr.James A.McConigle's contract of Completion(except certain vaults,plumbing,etc.),Mint Building,this city,with instructions that said plinth should be cast iron where cast iron frames are used and that granolithic plinth be used under wooden frames only, and I have informed the contractor accordingly and directed that the work be so completed.

Respectfully,

Superintendent.

Construction,

Mint Building,

Denver, Colo., January 18,1904.

Mr.J.K.Taylor,

Supervising Architect,

Treasury Department, Washington, D.C.

Sir:-

Referring to my six letters of December 5th,1903,forwarding the following proposals from Mr.James A.McGonigle,contractor for the Completion(except certain vaults,plumbing,etc.),Mint Building,in this city:

To dress circular panels,etc.,second story windows,$575.
For ornamental iron gates,main entrance,$1,350.
For construction of storage cellar,$10,800.
To carve panels over first story windows,etc.,$4,375.
For hatchway and two wall boxes,$215.
For alteration of flues and new registers,basement,$110.

I have to ask whether action has been taken on said proposals as nothing has been received here relative to the same,and if letters have been sent me they have been lost; and I have especially to ask that action be taken on the proposal,in amount $215,for the hatchway and wall boxes in engine room, and the proposal,in amount $110. for alteration of flues and new registers in basement. These two items being urgent at this time in order that the plastering of basement and enameled brick work of engine room can be completed. The amounts of the proposals are deemed reasonable and the work should be done immediately in order to avoid delay.

Respectfully,

Superintendent.

January 18,1904.

Supervising Architect,

Treasury, Washington, D.C.

Shall I permit boring artesian well where indicated on blue print received 16th instant unaccompanied by instructions.

Ullery,Supt.Mint.

Official Business,
Gov't Rates,Collect.

Construction,

Mint Building,

Denver, Colo., January 18,1904.

Mr.C.E.Kemper,

Acting Supervising Architect,

Treasury Department,Washington,D.C.

Sir:-

I am in receipt of your letter (initial J.C.P.) of the 15th instant informing me that the proposal,in amount $150.,of Mr.James A.McGonigle,contractor for the Completion(except certain vaults,plumbing, etc.),Mint Building,in this city, forwarded to your Office December 5, 1903, is considered high and that approximately $100. should be the amount of the same and directing me to obtain a proposal,if possible,not exceeding that amount. In reply I have to say that the contractor is out of the city and not expected here within the next few weeks,but I have conferred with his foreman and he is unwilling to take up the matter in the contractor's absence with a view to any reduction in the amount of the proposal.

My estimate upon the work,made at the time I asked the contractor for the proposal,was as follows:

900 lbs. steel(2" tees and 1" tees) delivered,4 cents,	36.00
27 anchor supports(1/2" rods,clasps & top plates),50 "	13.50
27 anchor holes to be cut through 1st floor, say	25.00
100 clips for securing 2" tees to 1" tees - "	5.00
Work of cutting tees,erecting and securing in place,	20.00
70 sq.yds.metal lath(wired on & secured to side walls).40	28.00
3 coats of paint on iron work.	10.00
	$ 137.50
Add contractor's profit,15%	20.63
	$ 158.13

I think the work is very desirable in order to give the entrance corridor a good appearance and to correspond with the remainder of said corridor. The expense of cutting through floor arches and other brick work in this building, which is of Portland cement, is not to be overlooked, and the other items of cutting the iron work, etc., to fit in place, and taking into consideration the waste of material, etc., leads me to consider the amount of the proposal reasonable; but if the same is not satisfactory, I have to request that you again write me, which letter will likely reach me about the time the contractor returns to the building and I will take up the matter with him.

Respectfully,

Superintendent.

Construction,

Mint Building,

Denver, Colo., January 19,1904.

Mr.J.K.Taylor,

Supervising Architect,

Treasury Department, Washington, D.C.

Sir:-

I have to ask whether a contract has been made for putting in place the engine room floor in the Mint Building,in this city, which floor is not included in contract with Mr.James A.McGonigle or Messrs.S.Faith & Company, yet Mr.McGonigle is required to put in place an office enclosure between columns Nos.32 and 39 to rest on said floor, and Faith & Company are to put in place an electric switch-board back of columns Nos.24,25 and 31 and to rest on said floor,from which it would seem advisable that the floor should be constructed as soon as possible to receive said office enclosure and switchboard.

Respectfully,

Superintendent.

Construction,

Mint Building,

Denver, Colo., January 20,1904.

Mr.J.K.Taylor,

Supervising Architect,

Treasury Department,Washington, D.C.

Sir:-

I am in receipt of your letter (initial J.C.P.) of the 16th instant,enclosing copy of Department letter of even date addressed to Messrs.S.Faith & Company,contractors for the Mechanical Equipment of the Mint Building,in this city, accepting their proposal to change the location of the artesian well without additional expense to the Government, locating the same as indicated on drawing H-253, which drawing was received at this office on the 16th instant.

Drawing H-86 requires the storage tank to have a capacity of 24000 gallons, and a tank of the size indicated on drawing H-253 of depth from floor line to the bottom of windows opening into the area (11'-6"), will be of capacity of 21500 gallons, and I have to ask whether I shall direct the contractors to lower the floor in the bottom of the storage tank in order to provide the capacity called for or permit the construction of the tank of less capacity.

Respectfully,

Superintendent.

Construction,

Mint Building,

Denver, Colo., January 20,1904.

Mr.J.K.Taylor,

Supervising Architect,

Treasury Department,Washington, D.C.

Sir:-

I am in receipt of your letter (initial J.C.P.) of the 16th instant, enclosing copy of Office letter of even date,addressed to Messrs.S.Faith & Company relative to changes in switchboard to be supplied in connection with their contract for the Mechanical Equipment of the Mint Building,in this city, which letter has been placed on file.

Respectfully,

Superintendent.

Construction,

Mint Building,

Denver,Colo., January 20,1904.

Messrs.S.Faith & Company,

Denver, Colorado.

Gentlemen:-

I am in receipt of your proposal of the 15th instant,in amount $153.oo,as an addition to your contract of Mechanical Equipment of the Mint Building,in this city,for substituting rubber covered wire in lieu of slow burning weather proof wire in and on the boiler room ceiling of said building; also proposal, in amount $247.oo for covering the group of feeders in boiler room ceiling with metal lath and asbestos or cement plaster, both of which proposals appear excessive.

The wire which it is desired to change from slow burning weather proof to rubber covered,is simply to run on the boiler room ceiling, approximately 500 lineal feet,or,including the lengths from outlet to outlet of conduits,not exceeding 1,000 lineal feet, and the difference in price between the two classes of wire it is believed is less than 2 cents per lineal foot. You will notice from paragraph #857 of the specification forming part of your contract,that the slow burning weather proof wire was specifically called for only in conduits above boiler room,which means the ceiling of said room, and that said wire was to be used elsewhere if directed by the Superintendent of Machinery, hence no additional expense is to be incurred now by requiring the use of rubber covered wire elsewhere than on the boiler room ceiling.

On September 16th,last, you were requested to submit a proposal to substitute asbestos covered wire in lieu of weather proof wire on ceiling of boiler and economizer room,ceiling of engine and dynamo room and also above the brick arches of first floor construction directly over boiler and economizer room, and in response thereto your proposal, dated November 10,1903, discouraged the use of asbestos covered wire but advised the use of rubber covered wire and proposed to substitute the same for $157.00; and as the proposal now requested contemplates the use of rubber covered wire on ceiling of boiler room only,and not on the ceilings of other rooms and first floor arches called for in letter of September 16th,last, it is evident your present proposal is excessive in amount.

Your proposal for covering the group of feeders on ceiling of boiler room also appears high, as the total area to be covered does not exceed 200 square feet, and I will thank you to again consider these items with a view to revising your proposals and reducing the amounts of the same.

Respectfully,

Superintendent.

Construction.

Mint Building.

Denver, Colo., January 20,1904.

Mr.J.K.Taylor,
Supervising Architect,
Treasury Department, Washington, D.C.

Sir:-

As directed in the last paragraph of your letter(initial S.) of the 16th instant,relative to progress of work under Messrs.S.Faith & Company's contract for the Mechanical Equipment of the Mint Building,in this city, I have to report that little,if any,improvement is manifest in the progress of their work,which is being delayed largely on account of the failure to supply the boilers,plumbing fixtures,etc.,none of which have yet been received. The said contractors' representative informs me that the boilers have been shipped and will be on hand in a short time,and until the same are received the heating and power plant cannot be installed, but I see no reason why the plumbing fixtures throughout and the heating apparatus in west room of the basement should not have been placed and completed, together with the marble work of toilet rooms,etc.

Work under the contract for interior finish would likely all have been completed prior to this time,except some of the marble work and wood work,had not delay been caused by failure to receive the boilers, plumbing,etc.

As I am told the material lacking will be delivered at the building soon,I am at a loss to know what course could be pursued that would improve the progress of work at this time.

Respectfully,

Superintendent.

Construction,

Mint Building,

Denver, Colo., January 20,1904.

To the

Board of Public Works,

Denver, Colorado.

Gentlemen:-

As the sidewalk and street curb at the Mint Building,in this city,have been completed and are below the level of Evans Street on the east and a portion of Colfax Avenue,near the intersection of said street and avenue,I have to ask whether it would be possible for the city to cut down the level of Evans Street and Colfax Avenue near the corner of this building so as to drain into Colfax and along same to the west instead of over the sidewalk as at present.

I have no doubt the residents of this locality would be glad to have said grading done,as Mr.A.S.Hughes of 1436 Evans Street recently called my attention to the advisability of said work and asked me to recommend it if an opportunity arose; and in this connection I will inform you that I requested the Secretary of the Treasury to ask for an appropriation from Congress to defray the expense of street improvement in front of the Mint Building,but he informed me that the Government could not according to law,as construed by the Comptroller of the Treasury,pay for any street improvements around Government property, and as

the Mint Building is now near completion and will, I am satisfied, be of interest to and be appreciated by the citizens of Denver, I have no doubt they would approve the expenditure for street improvement as suggested.

Respectfully yours,

Lee Reedy

Superintendent.

Construction,

Mint Building,

Denver, Colo., January 20,1904.

Mr.C.E.Kemper,

Chief Executive Officer,

Office of the Supervising Architect,

Treasury Department, Washington, D.C.

Sir:-

I have to request authority to expend Sixteen Dollars and Fifty Cents ($16.50),for the purchase of three tons of coal,2240 lbs. each,at $5.50 per ton, for use in the temporary office at the Mint building,in this city, under my charge.

Respectfully,

Superintendent.

Construction,

Mint Building,

Denver, Colo., January 21,1904.

Mr.James A.McGonigle,

Denver, Colorado.

Sir:-

I will thank you to state the amount,in addition to your contract of Completion, &c.,Mint Building,in this city, for which you will remove the 3/8" rods in the outlookers of first story corridor furring to which the marble cornice of the corridor and entrance vestibule is being anchored,and substitute for the same 1 1/2"x 1 1/2" angle irons placed on top of said outlookers and securely bolted to the same, the iron work to be finished with three coats of paint as specified for other similar work under your contract.

Respectfully,

Superintendent.

Construction,

Mint Building,

Denver, Colo., January 21,1904.

Mr.James A.McConigle,

Denver, Colorado.

Sir:-

I will thank you to state the amount,in addition to your contract of Completion,etc.,for Mint Building, this city, for which you will change the portion of two ladders in attic which extend from attic floor to the roof scuttles by cutting the rails of said ladders above the furred ceiling and supply and place 1/2" x 2" rails bent as required and bolted to the present ladder rails above the ceiling line and secured to the I-beams of roof framing; the said new rails to be so bent as to give a width of 2'3" between same instead of 18" as at present which is in accordance with drawing #124,forming part of your contract set. The iron work to be secured with two 1/2" bolts at each connection and finished with three coats of paint as specified for painting other iron work under your contract.

Respectfully,

Superintendent.

Construction,

Mint Building,

Denver, Colo., January 21,1904.

Mr.J.K.Taylor,

Supervising Architect,

Treasury Department, Washington, D.C.

Sir:-

I have to request that an inspector for heating,plumbing and electrical work be appointed and sent to the Mint Building,in this city,as soon as practicable as it is expected the boilers,plumbing fixtures,etc.,will be delivered at the building within the next few weeks,and the work in connection with the switchboard will be begun. It seems advisable that an inspector be located here in time to inform himself fully as to the conditions at the building in order that he may be fully equipped for the work by the time the material mentioned arrives and the work of placing the same begins. The joinery work,ornamental iron work,marble work,cement floors,etc.,in the contract for interior finish will demand practically all of my time,so that an inspector's services will be absolutely necessary.

Respectfully,

Superintendent.

Construction,

Mint Building,

Denver, Colo., January 21,1904.

To Supervising Architect,

Treasury,Washington, D.C.

I leave tonight for Santa Fe.

Ullery,Supt.Mint.

Official Business
Gov't Rate,Collect.

Construction,

Mint Building,

Denver, Colo., January 21,1904.

Mr.J.R.Taylor,

Supervising Architect,

Treasury Department,Washington, D.C.

Sir:-

Referring to drawing #113 in the set included in Mr.James A.McGonigle's contract for the Completion(except certain vaults,plumbing,etc.),Mint Building,this city, which shows the steel outlookers and rods for anchoring the marble work of first story cornice,etc., which provides for a 3/8" rod to which the marble work is to be secured,I have to say that said rod is too pliable to make a firm support for the anchors,being firm only at points where it passes through the outlookers,and I have therefore requested the contractor to submit a proposal for putting 1-1/2"x 1-1/2" angles on top of the outlookers to which the marble work shall be anchored(a copy of my letter being here-with enclosed), and in response have received the enclosed proposal, in amount $98.50, which is deemed reasonable.

The outlookers were put in place as indicated on drawing No. 113,which is the only detail for this portion of the iron work,and it was found that the marble work required said outlookers to be higher than shown on said drawing. I have accordingly had the same raised so that if the angle irons are placed on top of the same it will make a

firm and rigid support for anchoring the marble, and I recommend that the proposal be accepted.

Respectfully,

Superintendent.

Construction,

Mint Building,

Denver, Colo., January 21st, 1904.

Mr.J.K.Taylor,

Supervising Architect,

Treasury Department, Washington, D.C.

Sir:-

As the space between rails of the ladders which extend from the attic floor to the scuttle, as provided by drawing #124 in set for Mr.J.A.McGonigle's contract for the Completion(except certain vaults, plumbing, etc.), Mint Building, this city, makes access to the roof scuttles quite difficult, I have asked the contractor to modify the same, increasing said space about 50% as provided by my letter of this date, a copy of which is enclosed herewith, and in response thereto have received the enclosed proposal, in amount $30.00, which I consider very reasonable, and owing to the necessity for convenient access to the roof, I recommend that the proposal be accepted.

Respectfully,

Superintendent.

Construction,

Mint Building,

Denver, Colo., January 22,1904.

Mr.J.K.Taylor,

Supervising Architect,

Treasury Department,Washington, D.C.

Sir:-

In the absence of the Superintendent, I have to acknowledge the receipt of your letter (initial J.C.P.) of the 18th instant, directing that the proposal,in amount $1,350.00,submitted by Mr.James A.McGonigle,contractor for the Completion(except certain vaults,plumbing,etc.),Mint Building,in this city,for furnishing and placing iron gates at the entrance to said building,be rejected owing to the limited amount of the appropriation available, which instructions have been complied with.

Respectfully,

Clerk.

Construction,

Mint Building,

Denver, Colo., January 22,1904.

Mr.J.K.Taylor,

Supervising Architect,

Treasury Department,Washington,D.C.

Sir:-

In the absence of the Superintendent,I have to acknowledge the receipt of your letter (initial J.C.P.) of the 18th instant, directing that the proposal of Mr.James A.McGonigle,contractor for the Completion(except certain vaults,plumbing,etc.),Mint Building,in this city,in amount $4,375.oo,for carving marble panels over first story windows,etc.,be rejected owing to the limited amount of the appropriation available, and in reply you are informed that your instructions have been complied with.

Respectfully,

Clerk.

Construction,

Mint Building,

Denver, Colo., January 22, 1904.

Mr. J. K. Taylor,

Supervising Architect,

Treasury Department, Washington, D.C.

Sir:-

In the absence of the Superintendent, I have to acknowledge the receipt of your letter (initial F.B.W.) of the 18th instant, enclosing copy of two Office letters of January 14th and even date, addressed to Messrs. S. Paith & Company, contractors for the Mechanical Equipment of the Mint Building, in this city, approving blue print No. P-254, showing vitreous ware sink traps for use under their contract, which letters and print have been placed on file for reference during construction of the work.

Respectfully,

Clerk.

Construction,

Mint Building,

Denver, Colo., January 22, 1904.

Mr. J.K. Taylor,

Supervising Architect,

Treasury Department, Washington, D.C.

Sir:-

In the absence of the Superintendent, I have to acknowledge the receipt of your letter (initial J.C.P.) of the 18th instant, directing that the proposal, in amount $575.00, submitted by Mr. James A. McGonigle, contractor for the Completion (except certain vaults, plumbing, etc.), Mint Building, in this city, for dressing the circular panels over second story windows, etc., be rejected owing to the limited amount of the appropriation available, which instructions have been complied with.

Respectfully,

Clark.

Construction,

Mint Building,

Denver, Colo., January 22,1904.

Mr.James A.McConigle,

Denver, Colorado.

Sir:-

The Supervising Architect directs that,owing to the limited amount of the appropriation available for the Mint Building,in this city, the following proposals submitted by you on the 5th ultimo be rejected:

For furnishing and placing ornamental iron gates at main entrance to building, $1,350.00

For carving marble panels over first story openings,etc., $4,375.00

For dressing the circular panels over second story windows, etc., $575.00.

Respectfully,

Clerk.

Construction,

Mint Building,

Denver, Colo., January 23, 1904.

Mr. J. K. Taylor,

Supervising Architect,

Treasury Department, Washington, D.C.

Sir:-

In the absence of the Superintendent, I have to acknowledge the receipt of your letter (initial F.B.W.) of the 19th instant, enclosing copy of Office letter of even date addressed to the Diebold Safe & Lock Company relative to the sealing device for use on the compartments of the basement storage vault in connection with their contract for Burglar Proof Vaults for the Mint Building, in this city, which letter has been placed on file.

Respectfully,

Clerk.

Construction,

Mint Building,

Denver, Colo., January 25,1904.

Mr.J.K.Taylor,

Supervising Architect,

Treasury Department,Washington,D.C.

Sir:-

In the absence of the Superintendent,I have to acknowledge the receipt of your letter(initial J.C.P.) of the 20th instant, enclosing copy of Department letter of even date,accepting the proposal of Mr.James A.McGonigle,to deduct $35.00 from his contract for the Completion(except certain vaults,plumbing,etc.) of the Mint Building,in this city, if permitted to use flat sawed yellow pine in lieu of quarter sawed pine.

Respectfully,

Clerk.

Construction,

Mint Building,

Denver, Colo., January 25,1904.

Mr.J.K.Taylor,

Supervising Architect,

Treasury Department,Washington,D.C.

Sir:-

In the absence of the Superintendent,I have to acknowledge the receipt of your letter (initial J.C.P.) of the 20th instant directing that proposal submitted December 2nd,last,for running a 12" pipe to sweep cellar,proposal submitted December 5th to construct a sweep cellar, and proposal submitted January 4th for running a 2" conduit to sweep cellar in the Mint Building,in this city, be rejected, which instructions will be complied with.

Respectfully,

Clerk.

Construction,

Mint Building,

Denver, Colo., January 25,1904.

Mr.C.B.Strickler,

Superintendent of Construction,

U.S.Buildings,La.Purchase Exposition,

St. Louis, Missouri.

Sir:-

Your letter of the 23rd instant has been received,and in reply you are informed that Mr.Lee Ullery,the Superintendent of Construction,is out of the city on official business but is expected to return the latter part of this week. Immediately upon his return to this city I am sure he will be very glad to send you the desired information in reference to joinery work to be supplied by the Chas.A. Olcott Planing Mill Company for this building.

Respectfully,

Clerk.

Construction,

Mint Building,

Denver, Colo., January 25,1904.

Mr.J.K.Taylor,

Supervising Architect,

Treasury Department,Washington,D.C.

Sir:-

In the absence of the Superintendent,I have to acknowledge the receipt of your letter (initial J.C.P.) of the 20th instant,enclosing copy of Department letter of even date accepting the proposal of Mr.James A.McGonigle,in amount $110.00,as an addition to his contract for the Completion(except certain vaults,plumbing,etc.), of the Mint Building,in this city, to make alterations in flues of basement corridor,etc., vouchers for which work will be issued in accordance with instructions.

Respectfully,

Clerk.

Construction,

Mint Building,

Denver, Colo., January 25,1904.

Mr.James A.McGonigle,

Denver, Colorado.

Sir:-

By direction of the Supervising Architect,your proposal,in amount $10,800.oo,dated December 3rd,last,for construction of sweep cellar at the west end of the Mint Building,in this city,is hereby rejected as a revised drawing is being prepared with a view to constructing said sweep cellar at less expense.

Respectfully,

Clerk.

Construction,

Mint Building,

Denver, Colo., January 25,1904.

Messrs.S.Faith & Company,

Denver, Colorado.

Gentlemen:-

By direction of the Supervising Architect,your proposals dated November 28th,1903,and January 4th,1904,for changing 12" drain at west end of the Mint Building,and placing 2" electric conduit through basement of said building to proposed sweep cellar,respectively, are hereby rejected,a revised drawing being in course of preparation for the construction of the sweep cellar in connection with which the changes contemplated in your two proposals were desired.

Respectfully,

Clerk.

Construction,

Mint Building,

Denver, Colo., January 28,1904.

Mr.A.L.Morrison,

Custodian, U.S.Court House,

Santa Fe, New Mexico.

Dear Sir:-

I send you herewith copy of specification for repairs and painting in your building,and I presume you will get it Saturday morning. I would like,if possible, to have you read it over on Saturday and make such notes or suggestions of changes,etc.,as you think advisable and mail it to me Saturday evening so that I may get it on Monday morning and forward it to the Supervising Architect with my report on that day.

After making any suggestions in writing in the specification that you think advisable, I wish you would write on the first or outside page the following: "The work embraced in this specification is necessary to put the building in first class condition,and I recommend that the same be done as early as possible", and sign your name as Custodian, or,if you wish to make some other memoranda,do so, but please return the specification to me on Saturday of this week, if convenient.

With best wishes, I am

Respectfully,

Superintendent.

Construction,

Mint Building,

Denver, Colo., January 29,1904.

Mr.James A.McConigle,

Denver, Colorado.

Sir:-

Referring to your proposal,in amount $150.oo,dated December 5th,last, as an addition to your contract for Completion,&c., Mint Building,in this city, for furring portion of ceiling in basement corridor, I have to inform you that the Supervising Architect considers said proposal excessive and requests that I obtain from you,if possible, a proposal in amount not to exceed $100.oo for said work, and I have therefore to request that you again consider this matter and if possible submit a proposal for the work not exceeding said amount, the work to be performed as stated in my letter of November 2nd,last.

Respectfully,

Superintendent.

Construction,

Mint Building,

Denver, Colo., January 29,1904.

Mr.J.K.Taylor,

Supervising Architect,

Treasury Department,Washington,D.C.

Sir:-

In the matter of running the 5" cast iron soil pipe and the 4" terra cotta waste pipe from the rear of the Mint Building,in this city, to the alley as indicated on drawing P-73, I have to state that when Messrs.S.Paith & Company,contractors for the Mechanical Equipment of said building,put said pipes in place to the sewer in the alley,it was found that the city sewer was higher than the grades given on said drawing,so that connections could not be made to the sewer. The center of the sewer at connection for the 5" soil pipe is 45.83' instead of 44.96',and the center of the Y branch to which the city desires connections to be made is 46.54'. The center of the sewer at the connection for the 4" terra cotta waste pipe is 45.47' instead of 44.94,as shown on the drawing,and the center of the Y branch is 46.18'. The said elevations were given me by a representative of the City Engineer's office,who was requested by me to ascertain the true levels by measuring the sewer where the same was uncovered at the time I discovered the impossibility of making the connection at the sewer,the pipe having at that time all been laid to the alley and connection was about to be made.

I have therefore requested the contractors to submit a proposal for raising both runs of pipe as indicated by my letter of the 18th instant,a copy of which is enclosed herewith. This work requires changing the pipe inside the building, making two holes through the exterior wall of the building above those already made, and laying the runs of piping higher than the pipe that have already been placed. In response to my letter,I have received the enclosed proposal,in amount $132.oo,dated the 23rd instant, which proposal is deemed reasonable considering the change of pipe, the difficulty of making holes through the building wall,and supplying new terra cotta pipe,etc., and I recommend that the same be accepted.

Respectfully,

Superintendent.

Construction,

Mint Building,

Denver, Colo., January 29,1904.

Mr.C.E.Kemper,

Acting Supervising Architect,

Treasury Department, Washington, D.C.

Sir:-

I am in receipt of your letter (initial F.B.W.) of the 25th instant,enclosing copy of Office letter of even date addressed to the Diebold Safe & Lock Company,contractors for the Burglar Proof Vaults,Mint Building,in this city,together with a print of shop drawing #4610,illustrating the sealing device to be furnished in connection with their contract, which letter and print have been placed on file for reference during construction of the work.

Respectfully,

Superintendent.

Construction,

Mint Building,

Denver, Colo., January 29,1904.

Mr.J.K.Taylor,

Supervising Architect,

Treasury Department, Washington, D.C.

Sir:-

As directed in your letter (initial J.C.P.) of the 24th ultimo, I requested Mr.James A.McGonigle,contractor for the Completion (except certain vaults,plumbing,etc.),Mint Building,in this city, to submit a proposal for an additional concrete and cement step at foot of stair landing near door P(a copy of my letter of the 28th ultimo being herewith enclosed), and in response have received the enclosed proposal,in amount $8.50,for said work, which proposal is deemed reasonable and I recommend the acceptance of the same.

Respectfully,

Superintendent.

Construction,

Mint Building,

Denver, Colo., January 29, 1904.

The Superintendent of Construction,

U.S. Buildings, Louisiana Purchase Exposition,

St. Louis, Missouri.

Sir:-

Your letter of the 23rd instant, making inquiry relative to interior finish for the Mint Building, in this city, to be supplied by the Chas. A. Olcott Planing Mill Company, of your city, was received during my absence and I have now to inform you that the material delivered has been generally satisfactory in quality, some damage having been done to sashes, etc., likely in shipping and a few sashes have knots. The specification requires exterior work to be put together with stiff white lead, and I have required the contractor here to comply with that requirement which had not been done in putting the material together at the mill.

The contractor is not prepared to give Mr. Olcott the dimensions for certain sash at ceiling light, but the matter of change of yellow pine finish in the basement has been adjusted by the Department favorably and no doubt Mr. Olcott will be informed by the contractor from whom, of course, he understands he must obtain such information.

Respectfully,

Superintendent.

T E L E G R A M.

Santa Fe, New Mexico,

January 23,1904.

Supervising Architect,

Treasury, Washington, D.C.

Court House Building not unsafe. Some cracks in walls, none serious to need present repairs. Will prepare specification for some necessary interior repairs and painting.

Ullery, Supt.Denver Mint,

And A.L.Morrison, Custodian.

Official Business,
Gov't Rate, Collect.

Construction,

Mint Building,

Denver, Colo., January 29, 1904.

Mr. C. E. Kemper,

Acting Supervising Architect,

Treasury Department, Washington, D.C.

Sir:-

I am in receipt of your letter (initial J.C.P.) of the 25th instant informing me that proposal, in amount $150.00, from Mr. James A. McGonigle, contractor for the Completion (except certain steel vaults, plumbing, etc.), Mint Building, in this city, for certain furring in the basement corridor is deemed excessive, and advising that if the contractor would reduce his bid to $100.00, action on the same will be taken by your Office, and in reply I have to state that I again wrote the contractor on this date (a copy of my letter being herewith enclosed), and in response have received his proposal for $100.00 for said work which I recommend be accepted.

Respectfully,

Superintendent.

Construction,

Mint Building,

Denver, Colo., January 29,1904.

Mr.Walter I.Swanton,

New Post Office Building,

Chicago, Illinois.

Sir:-

I am in receipt of your letter of the 27th instant making inquiry relative to lowering platform at the entrance to storage vault,Mint Building,in this city,and in reply I have to inform you that said platform has not been constructed and we have no drawings for the same which can be spared,but no doubt the Diebold Safe & Lock Company,Canton,Ohio, would furnish you with drawings for the same if you write them.

The two-cent stamp enclosed with your letter is herewith returned.

Respectfully,

Superintendent.

Mint Building, Denver, Colorado,

January 30, 4

Completed	90% Completed
84% Completed	35% "
None	Completed
60% Completed	75% Completed
95% "	15% "
98% "	(Fireproof) "
20% "	80% "
Completed	30% "
65% Completed	80% "
	10% "

Work under Messrs. S. Faith & Co.'s contract, Mechanical Equipment, is progressing very slowly, but the boilers are expected within a few days and it is promised the same will be placed promptly and provision has been made for heating the room to permit the brickwork, etc. to be done. Work on the extension wall has begun, but the delay on work generally under this contract is quite serious.

Work under Mr. James A. McConigle's contract of Completion, etc., is being done as rapidly as the weather and condition of work under Faith & Co. will permit. Very little work has been finished, however, during the present month, the delay being chargeable to the weather conditions and slow progress of work under Faith & Co.'s contract. It is believed, however, that Mr. McConigle will complete all, or practically all, work under his contract within the specified time.

Mechanics employed: 3 bricklayers, 2 copperworkers, 3 marble and stone setters, 2 carpenters, 2 electricians, 1 steam fitter, 2 plumbers and 15 laborers.

Respectfully,

Superintendent.

Construction,

Mint Building,

Denver, Colo., January 30,1904.

To the Custodian,U.S.Court House & Post Office Building,

Denver, Colorado.

Sir:-

In accordance with instructions in letter (initial S.)of November 28,1903,from the Acting Supervising Architect,Treasury Department, Washington, D.C.,which letter informed me of the acceptance of the proposal,in amount $4,200.00,from Mr.Martin J.Wicklem for certain alterations in the building under your charge and instructing me to make semi-monthly reports of the work, I have to state that during the month of December,no work was done under said contract except the removing of stairs which led from the second to third floor of the building as other work would interfere with holiday business of the post office,and since that time considerable difficulty has been encountered owing to the fact that the officials generally were unwilling to have work done in their rooms until accommodations were provided for them elsewhere,so that but little progress was made until the past two weeks in which time the contractor has put in the new floor construction in stair well,constructed the partitions for two new rooms, placed the vault in the new Marshal's room, practically finished all plastering and placed floor strips for new floors. Alterations in the postmaster's room have not yet begun owing to the fact that the postmaster will not permit the same until he can

move into the new room on the second floor. The construction of the stamp screen for said room is progressing at the mill, and it is likely that the remaining work under the contract will be completed within the next few weeks.

Respectfully,

Lee Ellis

Superintendent.

Construction,

Mint Building,

Denver, Colo., February 1,1904.

Mr.J.K.Taylor,

Supervising Architect,

Treasury Department,Washington, D.C.

Sir:-

I am in receipt of your letter (initial J.C.P.) of the 28th ultimo forwarding copy of drawing #247-A showing arrangement of proposed sweeps cellar to be constructed at the Mint Building in this city, and I have requested the contractor to submit a proposal for said work which will be forwarded to you immediately upon its receipt.

Respectfully,

Superintendent.

Construction,

Mint Building,

Denver, Colo., February 1,1904.

Mr.James A.McGonigle,

Denver, Colorado.

Sir:-

I have to request that you state the amount,in addition to your contract of Completion,&c.,Mint Building in this city, for which you will construct and complete a sweeps cellar at the west end of the building as indicated on drawing #247-A,a copy of which may be seen at this office, the work to be performed as shown and material and character of work generally to correspond with similar work and material called for under your contract.

Respectfully,

Superintendent.

Construction,

Mint Building,

Denver, Colo., February 1,1904.

Mr.J.K.Taylor,

Supervising Architect,

Treasury Department,Washington, D.C.

Sir:-

I am in receipt of your letter (Initial J.C.P.) of the 28th ultimo directing me to reject proposal of Mr.James A.McGonigle for additional iron work in connection with the ladders in the attic of Mint Building in this city, and in reply I have to inform you that I have accordingly rejected said proposal.

Respectfully,

Superintendent.

Construction,

Mint Building,

Denver, Colo., February 1, 1904.

Mr. James A. McConigle,

Denver, Colorado.

Sir:-

I am directed by the Supervising Architect to reject your proposal for additional iron work for certain changes in ladders indicated on drawing #124, forming part of the set for your contract of completion, &c., Mint Building, in this city.

Respectfully,

Superintendent.

Construction,

Mint Building,

Denver, Colo., February 1,1904.

Mr.James A.McConigle,

Denver, Colorado.

Sir:-

I am directed by the Supervising Architect to reject your proposal for additional iron work on outlookers for securing the marble work of cornice,main corridor of Mint Building,in this city,for which you have the contract for Completion,&c.

Respectfully,

Superintendent.

Construction,

Mint Building,

Denver, Colo., February 1st, 1904.

The Denver Wire & Iron Works,

Denver, Colorado.

Gentlemen:-

I am in receipt of a letter from the Supervising Architect relative to the iron work for the U.S.Public Building, Cheyenne, Wyoming, for which you have the sub-contract for certain structural iron work, and in said letter the Supervising Architect directs that the stair brackets already made, if otherwise satisfactory, be accepted, but that any further brackets made must be at least 3/8" thick metal, and he further informs me that the balusters of stairs must be 3/8" square, as per drawing #29-C.

Respectfully,

Superintendent.

Construction,

Mint Building,

Denver, Colo., February 1st, 1904.

Mr. J. K. Taylor,

Supervising Architect,

Treasury Department, Washington, D.C.

Sir:-

I am in receipt of your letter (initial S.) of the 28th ult- time relative to certain iron work being prepared by the Denver Wire & Iron Works, of this city, for the U.S. Public Building at Cheyenne, Wyoming, and in reply I have to state that I have instructed the said company according to the contents of your letter.

Respectfully,

Superintendent.

Construction,

Mint Building,

Denver, Colo., February 1,1904.

Mr.J.K.Taylor,

Supervising Architect,

Treasury Department,Washington,D.C.

Sir:-

I am in receipt of your letter (initial F.B.W.) of the 28th ultimo relative to the appointment of an inspector of plumbing,heating and electrical work at the Mint Building,in this city,and as directed in your letter,I will inform you as soon as the boilers or plumbing fixtures have been delivered at the building.

Respectfully,

Superintendent.

Construction,

Mint Building,

Denver, Colo., February 1,1904.

Mr.J.K.Taylor,

Supervising Architect,

Treasury Department,Washington, D.C.

Sir:-

I am in receipt of your letter (initial J.C.P.) of the 28th ultimo relative to iron work for anchoring the marble cornice at the Mint Building,in this city,and directing me to reject the proposal of Mr.James A.McGonigle,for the additional iron work,forwarded with my letter of the 28th ultimo,and in reply I have to inform you that I have rejected said proposal as directed.

Respectfully,

Superintendent.

Construction,

Mint Building,

Denver,Colo., February 1,1904.

Mr.J.K.Taylor,

Supervising Architect,

Treasury Department, Washington, D.C.

Sir:-

As directed in Department telegram of the 20th ultimo,I visited the U.S.Court House Building in Santa Fe,New Mexico and made thorough examination of the same relative to the report that the building was unsafe,and have prepared a specification for repairs,painting,etc.,for the same in accordance with said telegram.

On the 23rd ultimo,after careful examination of the building,I forwarded to you a telegram signed by myself and the Custodian of the building,as follows:

"Court House Building not unsafe. Some cracks in walls,none serious to need present repairs. Will prepare specification for some necessary interior repairs and painting".

The building walls are of rubble masonry lined to indicate random ashlar. There is evidence of unequal settlement at various points in the exterior walls, but,in my opinion,nothing serious enough to require anchoring,etc. There is evidence that most of the cracks in the walls are old as the same are dirty and cob-webbed,but a few minor cracks may be recent. I enclose herewith a photograph of a portion of the south wall near west end with location of cracks indicated in red. Nos.1 and 2

are opened most, but as crack No.1 was pointed up apparently some years ago,it shows said crack to be not of recent origin and the open joint in the belt course at No.2 was evidently filled and pointed at that time, but the pointing mortar has fallen out making the work look bad,yet no evidence can be seen that recent cracking has occurred at that point. The cracks at other points numbered are all slight and generally not recent, but smaller cracks are noticeable generally under windows throughout the exterior wall. I enclose a photograph also showing the general appearance of the south front of the building. I do not consider it at all necessary to place any anchors through the walls of the building, as I do not apprehend any danger from settlement or further cracking of the walls, yet if there is further complaint or alarm,the following specification might be followed to secure the walls at the southwest portion of the building which seems to be in the worst condition:

The contractor must drill through the west wall immediately below first story ceiling line in the southwest room inside the line of south wall and south of the corridor wall and provide a 1" diameter wrought iron anchor bolt 16 feet long at each of said points, provide a heavy ornamental cast iron gib plate on outside of west wall, the bolts to be inserted through from the outside and have 1" x 2" anchor plate 18" long secured to the face of the south wall and corridor wall with four 3/4"x 12" expansion bolts,and the end of said anchor plate in eadh case bent at right angles to face of the wall, have 1 1/16" hole,through which the anchor bolt must pass and be secured with thread and nut drawn up tight,and all the iron work to be painted three coats as directed.

The two said anchor rods which will be near the ceiling in the south west room, must be concealed by a suitable plaster cornice on wood furring strips placed 15" on centers,properly secured in place,covered with metal lath,and the plaster cornice run on same finished to the satisfaction of the Custodian.

I do not recommend that this or any other anchoring be done,however, as it would to some extent disfigure the appearance of the west wall of

the building on the exterior face. The anchoring on the inside would be covered by the cornice.

The basement floor of the building is in very bad condition. A contract was made for a new floor throughout the basement with Anthonyo Windsor,authorized by Department letter (initial S.) of June 30,1903, but no work has yet been done towards replacing said floor. The Custodian informs me that the same will be done as soon as they have favorable weather in the Spring.

A brick walk at the front of the building was also authorized by the above letter but revoked by letter (initial F.) of November 17,1903, and I have included said walk in the specification which is forwarded herewith.

The vault in the Internal Revenue office is simply fireproof, and as stamps to a considerable value are often kept in said vault,it would seem advisable that the Department supply a burglar proof vault 6'x 2'-6"x 6' for said office. A smaller safe is in use in said office, but it is simply a shell and hardly to be classed as fireproof. A new carpet should be supplied for the two northwest rooms in the first story.

The top of one radiator has been broken and removed. There is no sewer system in the city,but dry wells are used for plumbing. The one on the lot not being deep enough for drainage of the boiler in the basement,I have included in the specification the construction of

Mr.J.K.Taylor.....4.

a new well for the blow off from the boiler. The floors are of pine, generally flat grained. Those in the corridors and northwest room are worn to the tongue and badly slivered. The shoe-moulding along base skirting has withdrawn owing to settlement. The front door broken at the bottom bolt; plinths at window trim at Court room,pulled away; the main stairs leading from first to second floor has settled several inches,owing to settlement of the exterior wall at that point,which was repaired some years ago,and it would seem that in case the stairs are much used and subjected to much load they would not be safe. Some window frames are loose; some glass broken,but the janitor has glass on hand in the basement which should be placed. The sashes generally are too light for their size,and owing to unequal settlement of the building some will not lock and do not fit close as they should. There is no platform on the roof for access to the flag-staff. The janitor climbs upon the slate roof to put the flag up and he more or less endangers his life while doing so. The flag staff needs painting as the same is badly cracked from seasoning. The urinal stalls are placed about 8" from the walls in the toilet rooms,and the end pieces do not extend to the wall and no caps have been supplied,consequently the space at the back is open to admit dirt which cannot be cleaned out. The back of the sink is not secured but moves and is liable to break the plumbing pipes. The janitor service is very good. The floors,wood work,etc.being kept clean and in order. The walls generally are clean,but have some dis-

colorations from smoke and dust and broken so that repairs,cleaning and painting are advisable, and I have therefore included in my speci-fication the said work.

I enclose herewith the specification for repairs,painting, etc., which bears the endorsement and recommendation of the Custodian, and I have to urge that the work be done in accordance with the specification. The estimated cost of the same is approximately $6,000.

Respectfully,

Superintendent.

Construction,

Mint Building,

Denver, Colo., February 2,1904.

Mr.J.K.Taylor,

Supervising Architect,

Treasury Department, Washington, D.C.

Sir:-

As directed in your letter (initial J.C.P.) of December 28th,last, I requested Messrs.S.Smith & Company,contractors for the Mechanical Equipment of the Mint Building,in this city, to submit a proposal for substituting rubber covered wire at ceiling of boiler room and also a proposal for covering the conduits for feeders in boiler room(a copy of my letter of January 2nd being herewith enclosed),and in reply received proposals dated January15,last, which I considered excessive and wrote the contractors to this effect on January 20th and in response have received the enclosed proposal dated the 30th ultimo,in amount $57.00,for substituting rubber covered wire which is deemed reasonable.(A copy of my letter of January 20th being also enclosed).

Referring to the statement that the proposal dated January 15th for covering the conduits cannot be reduced,I have to state that it still appears to me that said proposal is excessive,and I

forward the proposals to you for consideration and decision in the matter, and if it is deemed advisable, I will request the contractor for completion(except certain vaults, plumbing, etc.) to submit a proposal for said work.

I recommend that the proposal for substituting the rubber covered wire be accepted.

Respectfully,

Superintendent.

Construction,

Mint Building,

Denver, Colo., February 2,1904.

Mr.J.K.Taylor,

Supervising Architect,

Treasury Department,Washington,D.C.

Sir:-

I am in receipt of your letter (initial F.S.W.) of the 25th ultimo,enclosing copy of Office letter of even date,addressed to Messrs.S.Smith & Company,contractors for the Mechanical Equipment of the Mint Building,in this city, advising them of approval of marble for switchboard, which letter has been placed on file.

Respectfully,

Superintendent.

Construction,

Mint Building,

Denver, Colo., February 2,1904.

Mr.J.K.Taylor,

Supervising Architect,

Treasury Department, Washington, D.C.

Sir:-

I am in receipt of your letter (initial F.B.W.) of the 29th ultimo relative to water storage tank to be supplied by S.Paith & Co., contractors for the Mechanical Equipment of the Mint Building in this city, with instructions that I shall require the contractors to lower the footings for tank to bottom of footings of walls and to keep top of tank below windows opening into area, and in reply will state that said instructions will be complied with.

Respectfully,

Superintendent.

Construction,

Mint Building,

Denver, Colo., February 4,1904.

Mr.W.T.S.Hoyt,

Superintendent of Construction,

U.S.Public Building, Cheyenne, Wyoming.

Dear Sir:-

Replying to your letter of inquiry of the 2nd instant, as to parties who would submit bids for furniture, etc., for the building under your charge, will say that the following firms have expressed a desire to bid on the material:

Martin-Remight & Schoarf Carpet Company, 1619 Welton Street,
The Cooper & Powell Furniture Co., 1632 California Street,
The Denver Dry Goods Company, 16th & California Streets, and
The Daniels & Fisher Stores Co., 16th & Lawrence Streets.

The Denver Tent and Awning Company, 1434 Larimer Street, and The Colorado Tent and Awning Company, 1619 Lawrence Street, will furnish you proposals for supplying and placing awnings, etc.

With best wishes, I am

Respectfully,

Superintendent.

Construction,

Mint Building,

Denver, Colo., February 4,1904.

Mr. J. K. Taylor,

Supervising Architect,

Treasury Department, Washington, D.C.

Sir:-

In accordance with instructions in your letter (initial S.) of the 12th ultimo, I again visited the shops of the Denver Iron and Wire Works to inspect the iron work being constructed by them for the Federal Building at Cheyenne, Wyoming, and I found that the framing for the main stairs from first to second stories practically completed. Only twelve cast iron brackets have been made (which are under the required thickness as stated to you in my report of the 18th ultimo), and the remainder of the brackets for said run of stairs it is promised will be cast this week, so that said framing will be ready for shipment the first of next week at which time I will again inspect the same. One channel at the first platform is to be moved and some defective riveting to be remedied which it is promised will be done immediately. The framing for the balusters has also been completed. No ornamental work has yet been done.

Respectfully,

Superintendent.

Construction,
Mint Building,
Denver, Colo., February 6,1904.

Mr.J.K.Taylor,
Supervising Architect,
Treasury Department, Washington, D.C.

Sir:-

I am in receipt of your letter (initial J.C.P.) of the 1st instant enclosing copy of an addendum to the specification for lighting fixtures, Mint Building, in this city, which has been attached to the specification for said work.

Respectfully,

Superintendent.

Construction,

Mint Building,

Denver, Colo., February 5,1904.

Mr.J.K.Taylor,

Supervising Architect,

Treasury Department, Washington, D.C.

Sir:-

I am in receipt of your letter (initial J.C.P.) of the 1st instant enclosing copy of an addendum to the specification for lighting fixtures, Mint Building, in this city, which has been attached to the specification for said work.

Respectfully,

Superintendent.

Construction,

Mint Building,

Denver, Colo., February 5th, 1904.

Mr J.K.Taylor,

Supervising Architect,

Treasury Department, Washington, D.C.

Sir:-

I am in receipt of your letter (initial J.C.P.) of the 1st instant confirming Office telegram of the 30th ultimo directing me to resume the issuance of vouchers to Messrs.S.Paith & Company, contractors for the Mechanical Equipment of the Mint Building, in this city, and in accordance with said telegram a voucher was issued to the above contractors on the 1st instant.

Respectfully,

Superintendent.

Construction,

Mint Building,

Denver, Colo., February 5, 1904.

Mr. J.K. Taylor,

Supervising Architect,

Treasury Department, Washington, D.C.

Sir:-

I am in receipt of your letter (initial F.B.W.) of the 1st instant, enclosing copy of Office letter of even date addressed to S. Faith & Company, approving drawings and name plate in connection with switchboard to be supplied under their contract for the Mechanical Equipment of the Mint Building, in this city, and I have also to acknowledge the receipt of a set of the approved drawings which have been placed on file for reference during construction of the work.

Respectfully,

Superintendent.

Construction,

Mint Building,

Denver, Colo., February 6,1904.

Mr.A.L.Morrison,

Custodian,U.S.Court House Building,

Santa Fe, New Mexico.

Dear Sir:-

As requested in your letter of the 4th instant,I send you herewith extract from the specification for repairs,etc.,covering the brick walk at your building.

When the asking for bids has been decided and the Department gives you instructions to send out specifications for bids,I would like a copy of the specification for a bidder here,unless you have lots of bidders down there. We have a very competent man here on work at the Post Office Building whose work is satisfactory and work performed by him some years ago on the building has been satisfactory, so that I believe it would be in the interest of the Government to have him bid on the work at your building. He tells me he would like to submit a bid for the work when you are ready.

Hoping that the Department will take the matter up soon and that they will decide to do all the work specified,etc., and with best wishes to yourself and family, I am

Respectfully,

Superintendent.

Construction,

Mint Building,

Denver, Colo., February 8,1904.

Mr.J.K.Taylor,

Supervising Architect,

Treasury Department,Washington, D.C.

Sir:-

I am in receipt of your letter (initial J.C.P.) of the 5th instant,enclosing copy of Department letter of even date accepting the proposal of Messrs.S.Faith & Company,contractors for the Mechanical Equipment of the Mint Building,in this city, to make certain changes in switchboard to be put in place under their contract, the same to be without additional cost to the Government.

Respectfully,

Superintendent.

Construction,

Mint Building,

Denver, Colo., February 8,1904.

Mr.J.K.Taylor,

Supervising Architect,

Treasury Department, Washington, D.C.

Sir:-

I am in receipt of your letter (initial F.B.W.) of the 5th instant informing me of the detailing of Mr.W.O.Saville,Inspector of Heating,Hoisting and Ventilating Apparatus,to take charge of the supervision and inspection of the work being installed by Messrs.S.Paith & Company under their contract for the Mechanical Equipment of the Mint Building,in this city,with request that he be afforded such facilities in the way of desk room,access to files,etc.,as may be necessary for the proper discharge of his duties, which will be complied with.

In this connection,I have to ask whether detailing an inspector "to take charge of the supervision and inspection"of work of placing Heating,Hoisting and Ventilating apparatus,relieves the superintendent of all care and responsibility for that work,as I desire to know just what is the official relationship between the superintendent and inspector with reference to the said work.

Respectfully,

Superintendent.

Construction,

Mint Building,

Denver, Colo., February 8,1904.

Mr.J.K.Taylor

Supervising Architect,

Treasury Department, Washington, D.C.

Sir:-

I am in receipt of your letter (initial J.C.P.) of the 4th instant,directing me to obtain a proposal from the contractors for the Mechanical Equipment of the Mint Building,in this city,for installing the following flush instruments on the switchboard to be supplied under said contract;

Two recording voltmeters,
Two recording ammeters,
Total light and total power ammeters,
Three generator panel ammeters,
Two ground detectors.

In reply I have to state that said proposal has been requested and will be forwarded to your Office immediately upon its receipt.

Respectfully,

Superintendent.

Construction,

Mint Building,

Denver, Colo., February 8,1904.

Messrs.S.Faith & Company,

Denver, Colorado.

Gentlemen:-

I have to request that you state the amount,in addition to your contract for the Mechanical Equipment of the Mint Building, in this city, for which you will install flush instruments on switch -board,as follows:

Two recording voltmeters,
Two recording ammeters,
Total light and total power ammeters,
Three generator panel ammeters,
Two ground detectors.

Respectfully,

Superintendent.

Construction,

Mint Building,

Denver, Colo., February 9,1904.

Mr.James A.McConigle,

Denver, Colorado.

Sir:-

I am directed by the Supervising Architect to reject your proposal,dated the 27th ultimo,in amount $8.50, for building a concrete step at the foot of iron stairs near door F at engine room floor level, Mint Building,this city, as the Supervising Architect states that it was presumed that you would make proposal to place said step without expense to the Government,inasmuch as it is the duty of the contractor to take correct measurements and make the stairs to reach from floor to floor. The fact that you followed a scale drawing and that measurements therefrom did not permit the stairs to reach the lower floor,does not relieve you from the responsibility of completing such stairs; and the Supervising Architect directs that I require you to make the iron stairs of such rise as to complete the stairs,or submit a proposal for an additional step without expense to the Government, and I will thank you to complete the work as stated or submit a proposal for the additional step at your earliest convenience.

Respectfully,

Superintendent.

Construction,

Mint Building,

Denver, Colo., February 9,1904.

Mr.J.K.Taylor,

Supervising Architect,

Treasury Department, Washington, D.C.

Sir:-

I am in receipt of your letter(initial J.C.P.) of the 6th instant directing me to reject the proposal,in amount $8.50,from Mr. James A.McGonigle,contractor for the Completion(except certain vaults, plumbing,etc.),Mint Building,in this city,for constructing a concrete and cement step at the foot of stairs leading to Engine Room floor level at door P, and I have directed the contractor to complete the stairs or submit an additional proposal for the placing of a concrete step without expense to the Government.

Respectfully,

Superintendent.

Construction,

Mint Building,

Denver, Colo., February 10,1904.

J.K.Taylor,

Supervising Architect,

Treasury Department,Washington,D.C.

Sir:-

As directed in your letter (initial J.C.P.) of the 9th ultimo, I requested Messrs.S.Faith & Company,contractors for the Mechanical Equipment,Mint Building,in this city, to submit a proposal for change of the ash hoist at said building,a copy of my letter of the 15th ultimo being enclosed herewith.

In case the ash hoist is turned to discharge towards the south,the platform for the motor in the ash room would be turned towards the north and be in the way of the workmen when depositing the ashes, and furthermore, the chute for discharging the ashes into the wagon could be approached only by backing the wagon against the hoist to discharge into the rear end of the wagon,or backing the wagon against the stone retaining wall to discharge the ashes into the wagon at the side,both of which objections could be overcome by moving the ash hoist four (4) feet west (towards the building) from its present location. It seemed advisable to me,therefore, to request a proposal for said work,and I requested the same as indicated by my letter.

In response to my request, I have received the enclosed two propos-

als,dated the 10th instant,in amount $150.00,for changing the ash hoist to discharge towards the south, and $80.00 for moving the hoist four feet west nearer the building. Each proposal is reasonable in amount for the work required to make the change, and I recommend the acceptance of the one for the change most suitable for the accommodation of the service required.

Respectfully,

Superintendent.

Construction,

Mint Building,

Denver, Colo., February 12, 1904.

The Diebold Safe & Lock Company,

Canton, Ohio.

Gentlemen:-

Referring to your contract for placing vaults, vault doors and work incidental thereto at the Mint Building, in this city, I have to call your attention to the fact that the slow progress in re-inforcing floors for the placing of said vaults has seriously delayed the work of other contracts at the building. The beams, etc., for said re-inforcing were delivered at the building early in November, last, more than three months ago, and but little work has yet been done in placing same which was apparently begun by workmen belonging to the ornamental iron workers' union, which union, I am informed, withdrew their men, having decided that the work should be classed as structural iron work and should be performed by workmen of that union. Thereupon workmen were placed, who, I am informed, are non-union workmen, and the structural iron workers have served notice upon me to that effect. I suggested to your man, who seemed to be in charge, that it would be wise to arrange for union workmen at once if not too expensive, as the unions would not permit his men to continue, but in the meantime to continue the work with all the speed possible until stopped by the unions.

Since the time of said conversation, none of your work has been done, and I beg to invite attention to lines Nos. 42, 43 and 44 of your contract

which states viz: is further covenanted and agreed that the party of the first part shall have the right to require that any particular portion of the work hereafter provided for shall be completed within the time hereafter definitely specified by the party of the first part in written notice to the party of the second part", and as the representative of the Government, I have to request that you proceed at once to place said beams, etc., without any further delay whatever, so that other work on the building may be placed which has already been delayed several months by your failure to place the beams, etc., as stated.

You are no doubt sufficiently familiar with the methods of labor unions to know that if your non-union men continue at the building, all union workmen of the other trades now employed at the building will be withdrawn, and you of course would not expect to be permitted to continue the services of non-union men to the disadvantage of other contractors who have rights equal to your own; and no doubt you would not desire to go on record as employers of non-union labor, which would subject you to charges by the union as being unfair and interfere with the progress of your work elsewhere, including Government buildings where your work is being placed, and I have to request that you give this matter consideration for the purpose of reaching such a conclusion as is absolutely necessary in order to expedite your work at this building.

If you know of any means whereby your work can be continued with non-union men and at the sametime not interfere with the progress of work being done by other contractors, I shall be pleased to have suggestions from you as to the methods which can be pursued.

Respectfully,

Superintendent.

Construction,

Mint Building,

Denver, Colo., February 12,1904.

Mr.J.K.Taylor,

Supervising Architect,

Treasury Department, Washington, D.C.

Sir:-

In the matter of supplying and placing T irons in the sash rails of windows over four feet wide,as required by paragraph 13,page 34,of the specification for work under Mr.James A.McGonigle's contract for the Completion(except certain vaults,plumbing,etc.),Mint Building,in this city, and as indicated on full size drawing No.151 for said work, I have to ask whether it would not be advisable to omit the said T irons in sash of basement windows "P" as said sash have center muntin which supports the bottom rail in the center,and if the sash is grooved for the T, the tenon of the muntin will be practically cut away,and I have to ask for instructions in this matter.

Respectfully,

Lee Allen

Superintendent.

Construction,

Mint Building,

Denver, Colo., February 12,1904.

Messrs.S.Faith & Company,

Philadelphia,Pennsylvania.

Gentlemen:-

I am in receipt of your letter of the 8th instant and a portion of letter which appears to be from the sub-contractors for supplying and placing the ash hoist at the Mint Building,in this city, and making complaint relative to the delay in placing said hoist awaiting information from Washington, D.C., and in reply will state that the representative of said sub-contractors was preparing to so place the hoist as to discharge the ashes on the sidewalk at the Mint site,which of course was not the intention of the Department and which the city authorities of course would not permit. I therefore wrote the Department on November 3rd,last,calling attention to the fact that it was the intention of the sub-contractors to so place the hoist,and on November 7th received instructions by wire that the hoist must be set to discharge towards the building, so that the time of delay was only four days awaiting the instructions and a delay for such a short time on Government work is such a trivial matter in view of the slow progress generally made by contractors on Government work,especially in the supplying and placing of material at the Mint Building,in which the Link Belt people do not appear to be an exception, it does not seem worth while to discuss the matter. I will furthermore say that it is not the

custom of the Department to pay any expense on account of delay, but allowance is made of one day for each day's delay caused by the Government when considering the matter of exacting forfeiture from contractors on account of delay in the completion of their contracts, and in consequence of this custom, I cannot give any encouragement tending towards the allowance of any claim as made by the Link Belt people which is at the rate of $22.00 per day for one man's time.

Respectfully,

Superintendent.

Construction,

Mint Building,

Denver, Colo., February 12,1904.

Mr.J.K.Taylor,

Supervising Architect,

Treasury Department,Washington, D.C.

Sir:-

I am in receipt of your letter (initial J.C.P.) of the 9th instant,enclosing copy of Department letter of even date accepting the proposal of Mr.James A.McGonigle,in amount $215.oo,as an addition to his contract for the Completion(except certain vaults,plumbing,etc.) of the Mint Building,in this city,for placing hatchway and two wall boxes in engine room in basement of said building, vouchers for which work will be issued in accordance with instructions.

In this connection I have to state that only one set of drawings(Nos.31-A and 248) has been received for the above work, and I have now to request that an additional set be forwarded to me,as one set is needed for the use of the contractor and one set for the files of my office.

Respectfully,

Lee Billing

Superintendent.

Construction,

Mint Building,

Denver, Colo., February 12,1904.

Mr.J.K.Taylor,

Supervising Architect,

Treasury Department,Washington, D.C.

Sir:-

I am in receipt of your letter (initial J.C.P.) of the 9th instant,enclosing copy of Department letter of even date accepting the proposal of Mr.James A.McGonigle,in amount $100.,as an addition to his contract for the Completion(except certain vaults,plumbing,etc.), Mint Building,in this city, for certain furring in the basement corrider, vouchers for which work will be issued in accordance with instructions.

Respectfully,

Superintendent.

Construction,

Mint Building,

Denver, Colo., February 13,1904.

Mr.J.K.Taylor,

Supervising Architect,

Treasury Department,Washington,D.C.

Sir:-

I am in receipt of your letter (initial J.C.P.) of the 10th instant,enclosing copy of Department letter of even date accepting the proposal of S.Faith & Company,in amount $132.00,as an addition to their contract for the Mechanical Equipment of the Mint Building, in this city,to change the run of the 5" cast iron soil and the 4" terra cotta waste pipes at the rear of said building, vouchers for which work will be issued in accordance with instructions.

Respectfully,

Lee Utley

Superintendent.

Construction,

Mint Building,

Denver, Colo., February 13,1904.

Mr.A.S.Hughes,

1436 Evans Street, Denver, Colorado.

Dear Sir:-

Referring to our conversation of this morning about stopping the drill at the artesian well at the Mint Building, I will say that I have endeavored to persuade the contractor to stop at 10 o'clock P.M. until 7 o'clock in the morning, but I am sorry to say that he declares it will be impossible for him to drill the well unless he can run his machine day and night owing to the fact that the earth around the hole continues to cave unless the hole is kept clear continuously, and I am therefore unable to have him stop at 10 o'clock as I would have been pleased to do. It will probably take until April 1st to complete the well.

Regretting that I am unable to assist you in the matter, I am

Respectfully,

Superintendent.

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Work under Messrs.S.Faith & Company's contract is progressing slowly. The plumbing fixtures have not yet arrived, but it is promised they will be here in a few days which is practically the same promise which has been made for several weeks. One section of the boiler tubing has been delivered at the building to-day, and it is expected that the remainder will be delivered soon, although the same has not yet arrived in the city.

Work under Mr.James A.McGonigle's contract is progressing as rapidly as the weather and conditions under Faith & Co.'s contract will permit. Much of the marble work, the main stairs and other ornamental iron work have been completed.

Mechanics employed: 2 bricklayers, 2 copperworkers, 2 marble and stone setters, 2 carpenters, 2 electricians, 1 steam fitter, 2 plumbers and 10 laborers.

Respectfully.

Lee Hilby

Superintendent.

Construction,

Mint Building,

Denver, Colo., February 15, 1904.

To the Custodian,

U.S. Court House and Post Office Building,

Denver, Colorado.

Sir:-

In accordance with instructions in letter (initial S.) of November 28, 1903, from the Acting Supervising Architect, informing me of the acceptance of the proposal, in amount $4200., from Martin J. Wicklem and directing me to make semi-monthly reports on the progress of the work, I have to state that the changes in the third story have been practically completed; the Marshal has been moved to his new quarters and has expressed himself well pleased with the change; the new room at the stairs is also occupied; the new room on the second floor has been finished, except the painting of walls, the ceiling and rubbing of the wood-work and the placing of marble wainscot on corridor side, which will be completed in a few days. The partition in the room formerly occupied by the Marshal on the second floor has been completed and the plastering is ready for painting, which will probably be done this week. The postmaster's room on first floor has been vacated; the doors removed and the arches completed ready for plastering. The progress of work is such that I think it likely all will be finished by the end of this month, all work being entirely satisfactory as to quality.

Respectfully,

Superintendent.

Construction,

Mint Building,

Denver, Colo., February 16,1904.

Mr.A.E.Kemper,

Acting Supervising Architect,

Treasury Department, Washington, D.C.

Sir:-

I am in receipt of your letter (initial J.C.P.) of the 13th instant enclosing copy of Department letter of even date accepting the proposal of S.Faith & Company,in amount $67.00,as an addition to their contract for the Mechanical Equipment of the Mint Building in this city,to substitute rubber-covered wire in place of slow burning weather proof wire in and on the boiler room ceiling, vouchers for which work will be issued in accordance with instructions.

The rejection of said company's proposal,in amount $247.00, for covering feeder conduits in the boiler room with metal lath and plaster,has been noted, and in accordance with your instructions I will obtain a proposal for said work from Mr.James A.McGonigle,contractor for the Completion(except certain vaults,plumbing,etc.) of said building,and forward the same to you immediately upon its receipt.

Respectfully,

Superintendent.

Construction,

Mint Building,

Denver, Colo., February 16,1904.

Mr.James A.McConigle,

Denver, Colorado.

Sir:-

I have to request that you state the amount,in addition to your contract for the Completion,&c.,Mint Building,in this city, for which you will enclose the group of electric wire conduits, which are run on the ceiling of the boiler room in said building, with approved furring secured to the flanges of the floor beams, covered with expanded metal lath and plaster. Please state one amount for which you will complete the work finished with a hard asbestos plaster,and one amount if finished in Portland cement plaster.

Respectfully,

Lee Alley

Superintendent.

Construction,

Mint Building,

Denver, Colo., February 16,1904.

Mr.J.K.Taylor,

Supervising Architect,

Treasury Department,Washington,D.C.

Sir:-

I have to call attention to elevation and plan of partition in Weigh Clerk's office as indicated on drawing #125 of the set for Mr. James A.McDonigle's contract of Completion(except certain vaults, plumbing,etc.),Mint Building,in this city, which detail is for a room 21'6" wide,whereas the room measures from face of plaster on west wall to the face of plaster on partition at the east side of said room,17' 9", 4'1-1/2" of said measurement being along the line of the terra cotta wall enclosing the smoke flue from Deposit Melting room. I therefore have to request that two sketches be furnished showing the desired arrangement of cupboard doors,drawers,etc., and the glazed portion above the counter as to number and width of panels to suit the correct width of the room, one sketch being for the files of this office and one for the use of the contractor is getting out material for said partition.

Respectfully,

Superintendent.

Construction,

Mint Building,

Denver, Colo., February 16,1904.

Mr.J.K.Taylor,

Supervising Architect,

Treasury Department,Washington, D.C.

Sir:-

I am in receipt of your letter (initial F.B.W.) of the 12th instant defining the status of Inspector of Heating,Hoisting and Ventilating Apparatus with reference to Superintendent of Construction, and in reply will state that the information contained therein conforms to my understanding of the same,also with the understanding of Mr.Saville with whom I had a conversation regarding the matter prior to the receipt of your letter. My letter of inquiry,which was written prior to Mr.Saville's arrival here, was prompted by a remark made here last fall relative to asserting authority,etc., and I desired therefore to be fully informed so as not to encroach upon the jurisdiction of any other official.

Respectfully,

Superintendent.

Construction,

Mint Building,

Denver, Colo., February 18,1904.

Mr. James A.McGonigle,

Denver, Colorado.

Sir:-

I will thank you to state the amount,in addition to your contract for the Completion, &c., Mint Building,in this city,for which you will furnish and put in place a 6" terra cotta partition in the east portion of the attic of said building,extending from the northeast corner of the northeast chimney to the east exterior wall,and from the floor to the underside of the roof covering, leaving an opening near the floor,where directed,48" x 48",provided with 5/8" thick lintel 6" wide with 4" bearing at each end.

Respectfully,

Superintendent.

Construction,

Mint Building,

Denver, Colo., February 18,1904.

Mr. James A.McConigle,

Denver, Colorado.

Sir:-

I will thank you to state the amount,in addition to your contract for the Completion, &c., Mint Building,in this city,for which you will furnish and put in place a 6" terra cotta partition in the east portion of the attic of said building,extending from the northeast corner of the northeast chimney to the east exterior wall,and from the floor to the underside of the roof covering, leaving an opening near the floor,where directed,48" x 48",provided with 3/8" thick lintel 6" wide with 4" bearing at each end.

Respectfully,

Superintendent.

Construction,
Mint Building,
Denver, Colo., February 20,1904.

Mr.J.K.Taylor,
Supervising Architect,
Treasury Department,Washington,D.C.

Sir:-

I enclose herewith a letter handed to me by foreman for Mr. James A.McGonigle,contractor for the Completion(except certain vaults,plumbing,etc.),Mint Building in this city, from the sub-contractor for furnishing hardware making inquiry regarding the heights of knobs from the floor on double doors and instructions relative to master keys required; and, as paragraph 9,page 36,of the specification for Mr.McGonigle's work requires that "All interior door locks,except locks for closet doors,shall be master keyed in sets,as directed",I have to ask for instructions relative to the sets of master keys required,also the information as to heights of knobs from the floor in order that I may properly inform the contractor as early as possible to avoid delay in that portion of the work.

Respectfully,

Superintendent.

Construction,

Mint Building,

Denver, Colo., February 20,1904.

Mr.J.K.Taylor,

Supervising Architect,

Treasury Department,Washington, D.C.

Sir:-

I am in receipt of your letter (initial J.C.P.) of the 16th instant requesting me to obtain a proposal from Mr.James A.McGonigle contractor for the Completion(except certain vaults,plumbing,&c.), Mint Building in this city,in the nature of a deduction for omitting T irons in certain basement window sash, which proposal I have requested and will forward to your Office with a recommendation immediately upon its receipt.

Respectfully,

Lee Whitney

Superintendent.

Construction,

Mint Building,

Denver, Colo., February 20,1904.

Mr.J.K.Taylor,

Supervising Architect,

Treasury Department,Washington,D.C.

Sir:-

As directed in your letter (initial J.C.P.) of the 28th ultimo, I requested Mr.James A.McGonigle,contractor for the Completion(except certain vaults,plumbing,etc.),Mint Building,in this city, to submit a proposal for constructing a sweeps room as indicated on drawing #247-A(a copy of my letter of the 1st instant being enclosed herewith), and in response have received the enclosed proposal,dated the 17th instant,in amount $7,885.00 for constructing said cellar with concrete covering,and $8,285.00 for covering of brick arches,and as the first named proposal is deemed reasonable in amount,I recommend its acceptance.

Respectfully,

Superintendent.

Construction,

Mint Building,

Denver, Colo., February 20,1904.

Mr.James A.McConigle,

Denver, Colorado.

Sir:-

I will thank you to state the amount you will deduct from the sum to be paid you under your contract for the Completion,&c., Mint Building,in this city,for the omission of the steel T's in the bottom rail of upper sash of windows over four (4) feet wide in the basement of said building.

Respectfully,

Superintendent.

Construction,

Mint Building,

Denver, Colo., February 20, 1904.

Mr. J.K. Taylor,

Supervising Architect,

Treasury Department, Washington, D.C.

Sir:-

I am in receipt of one copy each of drawings Nos. 31-A and 248 showing location and construction of hatchway and wall boxes to be placed in the engine room in Mint Building, in this city, which were requested in my letter of the 12th instant.

Respectfully,

Superintendent.

Construction,

Mint Building,

Denver, Colo., February 20, 1904.

Mr. J. K. Taylor,

Supervising Architect,

Treasury Department, Washington, D.C.

Sir:-

I am in receipt of your letter (initial F.B.W.) of the 17th instant forwarding one copy each of drawings E.W.266, E.W.267, and E.W.268, showing modified details of back connections of switchboard panels to be placed by Messrs. S. Paith & Company, contractors for the Mechanical Equipment of the Mint Building, in this city, which drawings have also been received and placed on file for reference during construction of the work.

Respectfully,

Superintendent.

Construction,

Mint Building,

Denver, Colo., February 20,1904.

The Chas A.Olcott Planing Mill Company,

3500 North Broadway,

St.Louis, Missouri.

Gentlemen:-

Replying to your letter of the 18th instant in reference to the joinery work for the Mint Building,in this city, I have to state that it will be best to leave off the top member of trim until the first members are secured in all cases,where possible, and it is the intention that the framing,etc.,shall be secured in such a way that the nails or screws will be hidden by subsequent moulding,casing,etc.,wherever possible.

Respectfully,

Superintendent.

Construction,

Mint Building,

Denver, Colo., February 20,1904.

Mr.J.K.Taylor,

Supervising Architect,

Treasury Department,Washington,D.C.

Sir:-

Referring to note on drawing No.H-80,part of the set for work included under Messrs.S.Faith & Company's contract for the Mechanical Equipment of the Mint Building,in this city, requiring "Live steam to gas generator" in fuel gas generating room,I have to ask for information as to the running of said steam pipe as the gas generating plant is now provided outside the basement of the building. Is it desired to run this pipe for live steam into the new gas generating room and provide pipe trench for same below basement floor,and if so, I will thank you for a drawing showing where said pipe trench should be constructed,etc. The concrete floor in toilet room and in basement corridor has not yet been put in place.

Respectfully,

Lee Kelly

Superintendent.

Construction,

Mint Building,

Denver, Colo., February 23rd,1904.

Mr.J.K.Taylor,

Supervising Architect,

Treasury Department, Washington, D.C.

Sir:-

In compliance with instructions in Department letter (initial F. B.W.) of the 5th instant, I have the honor to submit this my weekly report.

S.Paith & Company, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, contractors for the Mechanical Equipment of the Mint Building, in this city.

Work installed: Plumbing all roughed in, except terra cotta stacks.

Heating mains and returns completed. Heating plant generally, about 30% completed.

Radiators all connected, except in basement.

Boiler feed pumps set,

Vacuum pumps set.

Feed water heater set.

Blow off tank set.

Drip tank set.

Economizer completed, except pipe connections.

Draft fan and stack set up.

Goiner's waste water well completed.

Holter's " " "

Artesian well drilled to depth of 375 feet, and 8 1/4" casing installed to depth of 320 feet.

Elevator machines in place and a portion of overhead work. Elevator work generally, about 30% completed.

Marble work in toilet rooms, 30% completed.

Ash hoist, completed.

Electric work, 85% completed.

The flooring for toilet rooms in basement and attic could have been put in place more than a month ago, but no work has yet been done in this connection.

I most respectfully call the attention of the Office to the slow progress being made by S. Faith & Company, contractors, and believe that unless material is received more promptly and work executed with more diligence, they will not complete their contract before October, next, notwithstanding the fact that their contract time expired nearly a year ago. A portion of the boilers has been received, but no one is here either to contract for or lay the foundation for the boiler settings, and I most respectfully recommend that S. Faith & Company, contractors, be notified to complete their contract without further delay.

Respectfully,

Inspector, Heating, Hoisting and
Ventilating Apparatus.

Forwarded through the
Superintendent of Construction.

Construction,

Mint Building,

Denver, Colo., February 24,1904.

Mr.J.K.Taylor,

Supervising Architect,

Treasury Department,Washington, D.C.

Sir:-

Referring to instructions in Department letter (initial F.B.W.) of the 4th instant,I have to state that the following changes have been made (without the knowledge of the Superintendent) in the electrical work under S.Faith & Company's contract for the Mechanical Equipment of the Mint Building,in this city, which changes the electrician in charge of the work states were made at the request of Mr.F.E.Healy,Engineer in Charge of the Denver Mint Equipment, and the matter is brought to your attention for consideration and action.

In the Superintendent's office,first story,the floor boxes for outside and inside telephone have been moved from near the wall to the center of the room.

In the Superintendent's private office, inside telephone floor box has been moved from near the south wall to the center of the west wall.

In the Chief Clerk's room the floor box for outside telephone at southeast corner of the room has been changed to west side of doorway leading to the corridor; the outside telephone box at north wall in said room moved to the center of the room,and the inside telephone floor box changed from the south wall to the center of the room.

In the Bookkeeper's room the inside telephone floor box changed from the south wall to near the center of the east wall.

In the Cashier's room the inside telephone floor box changed from the south wall to the center of the floor in the west portion of the room.

In the Coining room the 50 ampere power floor box nearest the southeast corner changed to the south wall at east line of west window in said room.

In the Strip Annealing room in the attic, the 25 ampere power box changed from the north wall to near the center of the west wall in said room.

The material supplied by Messrs.S.Faith & Company is satisfactory and the work performed is in accordance with the terms of the agreement.

Respectfully,

Inspector,Heating,Hoisting and Ventilating Apparatus.

Forwarded through the

Superintendent of Construction.

Construction.

Mint Building,

Denver, Colo., February 25,1904.

Mr.J.K.Taylor,

Supervising Architect,

Treasury Department,Washington,D.C.

Sir:-

Referring to note on drawing #137,forming part of the set included in Mr.James A.McGonigle's contract for the Completion(except certain vaults,plumbing,etc.),Mint Building,in this city,which states "Broken lines indicate excavation outside of Gas Generating room. Sides to be shored and excavation kept open until tanks are in place", I have to state that I understand the oil tanks have been completed under a contract awarded to Messrs.S.Faith & Company by the Director of the Mint, and the tanks will probably be put in place within the next few days and I have to ask whether I shall then permit Mr.McGonigle to fill said excavation above the tanks to the grade line or is it necessary to make some inspection of the tanks before the same are covered. I have to request that instructions be given me relative to the filling as early as possible in order that I may properly advise the contractor in the matter.

Respectfully,

Superintendent.

Cons[illegible]truction,

Mint Buildin[illegible]g.

Denver, Colo., [illegible]y 25,1904.

Mr.J.K.Taylor,

Supervising Architect,

Treasury Department,Washington, D.C.

Sir:-

Referring to drawing P-79,forming part of the set pertaining to Messrs.S.F.Hilt & Company's contract for the Mechanical Equipment of the Mint Building,in this city,which drawing shows the doors to water closet stalls, I have to ask whether it would not be advisable to make the doors 4 paneled,especially to divide the width of panels for toilet rooms Nos.3 and 4 as the exposed width of the panel as shown would be about 1'-9", and it would seem that they are more liable to crack from shrinkage than if made narrower. If permission is given to make all said toilet room doors four paneled,the contractors will make the change without additional expense.

Respectfully,

Superintendent.

Construction,

Mint Building,

Denver, Colo., February 26,1904.

Mr.J.K.Taylor,

Supervising Architect,

Treasury Department,Washington,D.C.

Sir:-

I enclose herewith a proposal,in amount $30.00,from Mr.James A.McConigle,contractor for the Completion(except certain vaults,plumbing, &c.) of Mint Building,in this city,for putting in place a 6" terra cotta partition in the attic, as indicated by my letter of the 18th instant,a copy of which is enclosed herewith. The said partition is not hatched to indicate new work on the drawings included under Messrs.S.Faith & Company's contract for the Mechanical Equipment,but coloring is the same as for other partitions in the attic which are already in place, and attic floor plan included in Mr.McConigle's contract set shows partition noted in heating contract. I have therefore requested Mr.McConigle to submit a proposal for placing the same as his original proposal gives a price of 15 cents per square foot for 6" terra cotta partition, and as there are approximately 190 square feet of the partition,the price is deemed reasonable and I recommend the proposal be accepted.

Respectfully,

Superintendent.

Construction,

Mint Building.

Denver, Colo., February 26,1904.

Mr.J.K.Taylor,

Supervising Architect,

Treasury Department,Washington,D.C.

Sir:-

In compliance with instructions in your letter (initial S.) of the 12th ultimo,I visited the shops of the Denver Iron and Wire Works where the iron work of stairs for the Federal Building at Cheyenne,Wyoming,is being prepared and have to report that the steel framing and cast iron stringers,treads and risers for the private stairs were practically completed today,there being a few rivets to cut out,one broken riser to be removed and some cleaning and finishing required on the moulding of the cast iron wall string which it was promised would be finished today and the material shipped to Cheyenne either tonight or tomorrow. The work is satisfactory except in the items mentioned.

The steel framing and cast iron brackets for the main stairs from first to second floors was shipped some time ago,but little work is being done in getting out the remainder of the material and the progress seems quite slow.

Respectfully,

Superintendent.

Construction,

Mint Building,

Denver, Colo., February 26,1904.

Mr.J.K.Taylor,

Supervising Architect,

Treasury Department,Washington,D.C.

Sir:-

As directed in your letter (initial J.C.P.) of the 16th instant, I requested Mr.James A.McGonigle,contractor for the Completion(except certain vaults,plumbing,etc.),Mint Building,in this city, to submit a proposal stating the amount he would deduct for the omission of the T irons in the upper sash of fourteen basement windows(a copy of my letter of the 20th instant is enclosed herewith), and in response have received the enclosed proposal,in amount $10.00,for said omission which is deemed reasonable and I recommend its acceptance.

Respectfully,

Superintendent.

Construction,

Mint Building,

Denver, Colo., February 26,1904.

Mr.J.K.Taylor,

Supervising Architect,

Treasury Department,Washington, D.C.

Sir:-

I have to ask what trim is desired on the corridor side of elevator door frames in the basement,under Mr.James A.McGonigle's contract for the Completion(except certain vaults,plumbing,etc.),Mint Building,in this city. Drawing #117 shows half plan of doorway "N", from which the contractor thinks the trim should be wood,whereas it would seem that cast iron is required on the cast iron frame. I have instructed the contractor to put in place cast iron plinth at door C-11 in lieu of granolithic as noted on drawing #118,following instructions in Office letter (initial F.B.W.) of the 15th ultimo.

Respectfully,

Superintendent.

Completed	95% Completed
95% Completed	35% "
None	Completed
75% Completed	90% Completed
95% "	15% "
98% "	(Fireproof) Completed
35% "	80% Completed
Completed	30% "
70% Completed	85% "
	75% "

Work under Messrs.S.Faith & Co.'s contract of Mechanical Equipment is progressing slowly. No plumbing fixtures have been received. Two boilers,complete,have been received. No arrangements for placing same have been made.

Work Under Mr.James A.McGonigle's contract of Completion,&c., is progressing as rapidly as conditions of other work will permit. Work on the arches of covering and plastering and other finish in well room,gas generating room,blower room,ash room and coal vault has been delayed several months owing to the fact that Faith & Co. had not supplied boilers, completed the artesian well or placed the oil tanks. The plastering inside the building is being delayed by failure of the Diebold Safe & Lock Co. to re-inforce the floors,&c.which work is progressing slowly,and after it is completed(probably the 15th prox.) Mr.McGonigle will complete his partitions,plastering adjoining same. The marble work progresses very slowly,notwithstanding urgent appeals made to hasten the same. It is believed that work under Mr.McGonigle's contract will practically all be completed by July 1st,next,but hardly before that time.

Mechanics employed: 1 bricklayer,3 copper workers,2 marble and stone setters, 2 carpenters, 1 electrician,1 steam fitter,2 plumbers and 25 laborers.

Respectfully,

Superintendent.

Construction,

Mint Building,

Denver, Colo., February 29,1904.

Mr.J.K.Taylor,

Supervising Architect,

Treasury Department,Washington,D.C.

Sir:-

I am in receipt of your letter (initial S.) of the 24th instant,enclosing copy of report of Mr.G.B.Strickler,Superintendent of Construction of U.S.Buildings,Louisiana Purchase Exposition,St.Louis,Missouri,relative to the joinery work being gotten out by the Chas.A.Olcott Planing Mill Co. of said city for work under Mr.James A.McGonigle's contract for the Completion(except certain vaults,plumbing,etc.),Mint Building,in this city., and referring to the statement in said report"From the information at hand it appears that permission has been given the mill to do this work as judgment might dictate", I will say that no information was given from this office to construct any of the work differently from the method shown by the drawings and specification,and if given at all must have been agreed upon between the contractor and the mill people themselves.

The full size details indicate the trim mentioned in said report as being gotten out in one piece instead of two as Mr.Strickler's report shows has been done,and as I do not think it was intended to be gotten out in one piece as shown,the mill people should adopt the best method of jointing the same which would be to joint in three pieces instead of two, as the latter would show the joint on the back of the trim unless very

closely matched, fitted and glued in place. I can see no other objection to jointing the trim in two pieces, and as the joint comes at the back of the trim in the shadow where it is almost invisible, I do not consider the method objectionable in view of the fact that the mill people have informed me that practically all of said trim has been gotten out and is ready for shipment. If you consider the method objectionable, I will thank you to inform me and I will direct the contractor to cut the moulding and trim to the quirk of the bead and plant on an additional cap as indicated by the three piece sketch suggested by Mr. Strickler, although I think the advantage gained by that additional work and expense would be but slight.

Respectfully,

Superintendent.

Construction,

Mint Building,

Denver, Colo., February 29,1904.

Mr.J.K.Taylor,

Supervising Architect,

Treasury Department,Washington,D.C.

Sir:-

I am in receipt of your letter (initial F.B.W.) of the 25th instant,enclosing one print each of contractor's shop drawings Nos.128 and 129 for certain ornamental iron work to be supplied in connection with the U.S.Public Building at Cheyenne,Wyoming, which drawings have been placed with those previously received and will be used in inspecting the material being manufactured at the Denver Wire and Iron Works in this city.

Respectfully,

Superintendent.

Construction,

Mint Building,

Denver, Colo., February 25th, 1904.

Mr. J.K. Taylor,

Supervising Architect,

Treasury Department, Washington, D.C.

Sir:-

I am in receipt of your letter (initial J.C.P.) of the 24th instant enclosing copy of Office letter of even date addressed to Mr. James A. McGonigle, contractor for the Completion (except certain vaults, plumbing, etc.), Mint Building, in this city, relative to submitting samples of hardware for approval for work under his contract, and note the statement that additional samples need not be submitted. His letter to which yours is a reply, was no doubt written because I had informed him that certain samples rejected by letter of September 24th, 1903, and some samples mentioned in said letter as being required, had not been approved.

Respectfully,

Superintendent.

Construction,
Mint Building,
Denver, Colo., March 1st, 1904.

Mr J.K.Taylor,
334 Supervising Architect,
Treasury Department, Washington, D.C.

Sir:-

As directed in your letter (initial J.C.P.) of the 4th ultimo, I requested Messrs.S.Smith & Company to submit a proposal stating the amount in addition to their contract for the Mechanical Equipment of the Mint Building, in this city, for which they would put in place flush voltmeters, ammeters, etc., (a copy of my letter of the 8th ultimo being enclosed herewith), and in response have received the within proposal, in amount $725.00, for said substitution.

It is believed the price is excessive. The representative of the sub-contractor for the electrical work informs me that voltmeters, ammeters, etc., as originally called for have been received in this city, although the same have not been delivered at the building, and in view of the statement made by the manufacturer as quoted in said proposal, it is likely that no better proposal can be obtained for the change; and while it is a question as to convenience of cleaning the voltmeters, etc., if set through the switchboard flush with the face, if it is considered sufficiently advantageous to make the change notwithstanding the additional cost of the same, I recommend acceptance of the proposal.

Respectfully,

Superintendent.

Construction,

Mint Building,

Denver, Colo., March 1st, 1904.

Mr. J. K. Taylor,

Supervising Architect,

Treasury Department, Washington, D.C.

Sir:-

In compliance with instructions in Department letter (initial F.B. W.) of the 5th ultimo, I have the honor to submit this my weekly report.

The work under S. Smith & Company's contract for the Mechanical Equipment of the Mint Building, in this city, is being installed in accordance with the terms of the agreement.

55% of the plumbing, 30% of the heating and ventilating apparatus, 85% of the electric wiring and 75% of the elevators have been put in place.

Since my last report, the machinery for the elevators has been assembled, and the contractors are now installing the low pressure steam pipe, the fittings for which have arrived at the building. Two of the boilers, complete, have been received, but so far no one has been detailed to place the foundations for the same, and I most respectfully call the attention of the Office again to the slow progress being made by the contractors in installing the heating apparatus of the building.

Respectfully,

Inspector, Heating, Hoisting and Ventilating Apparatus.

Forwarded through the Supt. of Construction.

Construction,

Mint Building,

Denver, Colo., March 1st, 1904.

Mr. J.K. Taylor,

Supervising Architect,

Treasury Department, Washington, D.C.

Sir:-

I am in receipt of your letter (initial F.B.W.) of the 26th ultimo relative to height of knobs and master keys for locks to be furnished under Mr. James A. McGonigle's contract for the Completion (except certain vaults, plumbing, etc.), Mint Building, in this city, and have informed the contractor as to the height of the knobs and asked the Assayer in Charge, U.S. Mint (Old), this city, who I presume will be the Custodian at the building, to give me information as to master keys for the locks.

Respectfully,

Superintendent.

Construction,

Mint Building,

Denver,Colo., March 1st,1904.

Mr.Frank M.Downer,

Assayer in Charge, U.S.Mint,

Denver, Colorado.

Sir:-

Referring to the matter of keys and locks for the Mint Building in this city, the contractor has requested information as to the master keys for the same, the specification for which requires that locks shall be master-keyed in sets as directed and the Supervising Architect informs me that the locks are to be master-keyed as directed by the Custodian of the building,so that as you are the officer to give said information,I have to request that you take this matter up for consideration and inform me as early as possible concerning the same in order that I may instruct the contractor in time to avoid delay in furnishing the hardware for his contract.

Respectfully,

Superintendent.

Construction,
Mint Building,
Denver, Colo., March 1st, 1904.

Mr. James A. McGonigle,
Denver, Colorado.

Sir:-

Referring to the inquiry of the sub-contractor for hardware for the Mint Building, in this city, under your contract, as to the height of door knobs from the floor, I have to inform you that the Supervising Architect states the knobs actuating the bolts on double doors should be placed five feet above the floor, and that locks should be master-keyed as directed by the Custodian. I will therefore endeavor to obtain said information for you as early as possible, but in the meantime it would seem that every effort should be made to manufacture and finish the hardware as far as possible without any further delay.

Respectfully,

Superintendent.

Construction,

Mint Building,

Denver, Colo., March 1st, 1904.

Mr. James A. McConigle,

Denver, Colorado.

Sir:-

I enclose herewith a sketch showing the partition to be constructed in the weigh clerk's office under your contract for the Completion, &c., Mint Building in this city, which is a revision of the detail shown on the working drawings and is made necessary owing to the fact that the width of the room is not as great as indicated by the detail on the drawings originally furnished you, and I have to request that you forward me a proposition stating the amount you will deduct from the sum to be paid you under your contract for the omission of the material originally required, but not now required to put in place the partition as shown by the enclosed sketch.

Respectfully,

Superintendent.

Construction,

Mint Building,

Denver, Colo., March 1st, 1904.

Mr. J.K. Taylor,

Supervising Architect,

Treasury Department, Washington, D.C.

Sir:-

I am in receipt of your letter (initial J.C.P.) of the 27th ultimo enclosing two sketches of the revised detail for partition in Weigh Clerk's office to be constructed under Mr. James A. McGonigle's contract for the Completion (except certain vaults, plumbing, etc.), Mint Building in this city, with the request that I obtain from the contractor a proposal for constructing the partition as indicated by the sketch, and in reply I have to state that I have requested said proposal and will forward the same to you immediately upon its receipt.

Respectfully,

Superintendent.

Construction,

Mint Building,

Denver, Colo., March 1st, 1904.

To the Custodian,

U.S.Court House and Post Office Building,

Denver, Colorado.

Sir:-

In accordance with instructions in letter (initial S.) of November 28,1903, from the Acting Supervising Architect, informing me of the acceptance of proposal, in amount $4200.00, from Martin J.Wicklem for changes in the building under your charge and directing me to make semi-monthly reports on the work, I have to inform you that the work in the second and third stories is practically completed. The screen for the stamp division in the former Postmaster's room is about half completed, all materials for the same and all marble work for the floor and wainscot in the lobby, I am informed, are ready to be placed, and, while there has been some delay in completing the work thus far, I believe that no further delay will occur and that the work will be completed by the 15th instant. The quality of the work is in every way satisfactory.

Respectfully,

Superintendent.

Construction,

Mint Building,

Denver, Colo., March 3rd, 1904.

Mr. J. K. Taylor,

Supervising Architect,

Treasury Department, Washington, D.C.

Sir:-

I am in receipt of your letter (initial F.B.W.) of the 29th ultimo informing me that doors in toilet rooms Nos. 3 and 4, Mint Building in this city, are to be provided with vertical center stiles, making the same four-paneled doors, and in reply I will say that I have informed the contractors accordingly.

Respectfully,

Superintendent.

Construction,

Mint Building,

Denver, Colo., March 3rd, 1904.

Mr. J. K. Taylor,

Supervising Architect,

Treasury Department, Washington, D.C.

Sir:-

I am in receipt of your letter (initial J.C.P.) of the 29th ultimo relative to piping for live steam to Gas Generating room, Mint Building in this city, and in reply will state that I have requested the contractors for the Mechanical Equipment to submit a proposal for running said piping into the new Gas Generating room as directed, and upon its receipt I will forward the same to your office.

Respectfully,

Superintendent.

Construction,

Mint Building,

Denver, Colo., March 3rd,1904.

Messrs. Smith & Company,

Denver, Colorado.

Gentlemen:-

I am in receipt of a letter from the Supervising Architect informing me that doors in toilet rooms Nos.3 and 4 included in your contract for the Mechanical Equipment of the Mint Building, in this city, are to be provided with vertical center stiles, making the same four-paneled doors.

Respectfully,

Superintendent.

Construction,

Mint Building,

Denver, Colo., March 3rd, 1904.

Messrs. S. Paith & Company,

Denver, Colorado.

Gentlemen:-

I have to request that you state the amount, in addition to your contract for the Mechanical Equipment of the Mint Building in this city, for which you will put in place piping for live steam to gas generating room, to be 2" diameter, run at ceiling of boiler room, ash vault, and well room, just through the wall of the gas generator room in such a place across well room as will clear the hatch or space reserved for same, and provided with 1-1/4" outlet about the middle of the well room and the end in generator room to be capped; also state the amount you will deduct from the sum to be paid you under your contract for the omission of the live steam pipe indicated on drawing H-80 to be run to and into the room marked "Fuel Gas Generator room" on said drawing.

Respectfully,

[signature]

Superintendent.

Construction,

Mint Building,

Denver, Colo., March 6th, 1904.

Mr. J.K. Taylor,

Supervising Architect,

Treasury Department, Washington, D.C.

Sir:-

I am in receipt of your letter (initial F.B.W.) of the 29th ultimo enclosing copy of Office letter of even date addressed to the Diebold Safe and Lock Company, and, under separate cover, approved print of drawing No. 5400 for certain vault work to be supplied in connection with their contract for Burglar Proof Vaults at the Mint Building, in this city, which drawing has been placed on file for reference during construction of the work.

Respectfully,

Superintendent.

Construction,

Mint Building,

Denver, Colo., March 5th, 1904.

Mr. J. K. Taylor,

Supervising Architect,

Treasury Department, Washington, D.C.

Sir:-

I have to report the very unsatisfactory progress and the unfavorable condition of work under the Diebold Safe & Lock Co.'s contract for Vaults, Vault Doors and Work Incidental thereto at the Mint Building in this city.

The contract is dated December 1, 1902, and the work was to be completed within eighteen months from December 15, 1902, or prior to June 15, 1904.

Their contract provides for the construction of vaults E, F, G and M on the first floor and the storage vault in the basement, and as the terra cotta walls enclosing vaults E, F, G and M, and the plastering of rooms and stair hall adjoining the same and the finish of main stairs (all of which work is under Mr. James A. McGonigle's contract) cannot be completed until the Diebold Safe & Lock Co place the beams, columns, etc., for re-enforcing the floors at said vaults, I began correspondence with the Diebold Safe & Lock Co. nearly nine months ago to try to hurry them so that they would not too seriously delay work of interior finish. As a result of my correspondence, the said company managed to deliver at the building about November 10, 1903, the beams, etc., to re-enforce

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the Floorbat vaults E, G and M (omitting through lack of care those for vault F). I at that time called up the company's representative in this city and urged him to arrange to have the material placed at once. He said he had no instructions from his company about placing the work but after about six weeks' urging he took bids for the work.about the latter part of December, and about the first of February some men began work,as stated in my letter of the 12th ultimo to the Diebold Safe & Lock Co.(a copy of which is enclosed herewith),and difficulties arose as stated in said letter. I did not tell the two boys to quit,but told them that they would likely have to quit eventually or everybody else would, but I told them to work as long as they could and told them to hurry the work in the meantime as much as possible as they might finish before the unions reached a conclusion to strike; but they did not again come back until February 23rd at which time four boys came and began work. Representatives of the structural iron workers union came into the building and ascertained,as I am told, that the boys did not belong to the union and I found the men and drove them out of the building twice and forbade them again entering it. I then again informed the boys that it would be necessary to hurry the work in hope that they might complete it before a general strike was called at the building and urged their leader to increase their number,but they did not increase the force and on the morning of the 2nd instant,when I went into the building just before eight o'clock I was informed by Mr.Anderson,who is foreman for Mr.Mcconigle, that his men were all on a strike, that they would

not work on the building if the non-union workmen continued on the iron work. Mr.Anderson(representing Mr.McGonigle, and Mr.Metzger(representing S.Faith & Co.) informed me that they could not proceed without union workmen,and as their firms have contracts in different parts of the country they cannot afford at this time to fight the unions, and as there were but four of the non-union boys and more than thirty union carpenters,bricklayers,plasterers,marble men, plumbers,granite cutters, etc., who refused to work, I decided it would accomplish more results for the progress of the work to let the four boys go than to have more than thirty union workmen leave, and I told the four boys that they would have to quit.

The representative of the Diebold Safe and Lock Company promised me last week that he would see that the iron work should proceed to completion without further delay and that in case the non-union men could not work,he would have the sub-contractor employ union labor and if there was additional expense he would have the Diebold Safe and Lock Company pay it. The work has not been resumed since the 2nd instant,so it seems that either the said representative has broken his agreement to pay any additional cost of union labor,or the sub-contractor is so obstinate that he will not allow the work to proceed except with his four boys. He has appealed to the officers of the Citizen's Alliance, an organization whose object is to bring the labor unions under subjection, and they seem to be encouraging him in his obstinacy. The Citizens Alliance people have been voluntarily telling me for the past few days what my duties are and that if I dont let those non-union men re-

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main here and perform said work, they will take the matter up at Washington, D.C., saying that as President Roosevelt kept Mr.Miller in the Government Printing Office against the protests of the union, that I should keep those men employed here notwithstanding the protest of the union. One difference is, however, that if keeping Mr.Miller in the printing office caused the union printers to quit work in the printing office, the President could immediately re-fill their places from the ranks of the applicants for Government positions who would take positions as non-union printers, whereas, if I kept the four boys at work the other contractors would have to stop work as they could not secure non-union men to fill their positions, and as I am anxious to hasten the work with the hope of finishing as nearly as possible by the first of July of this year to enable the officials from the old Mint in this city to move into the new building at that time, I chose to retain the services of the more than thirty men rather than keep the four and let the thirty go.

Besides, if I allowed the union workmen to leave until the non-union boys finished their work and then ask the union men to come back to work they could refuse to construct any terra cotta work or do any plastering in connection with the work done by the non-union men, so that we would have additional delay. We had an instance of that under the McIntyre contract here, when he used marble that was cut by Bagley and Company of Chicago who the unions here said were unfair. The union workmen then went out on a strike and refused to perform stonework, brickwork, etc., until the contractor paid a fine of $500. for using said marble in connection with their work. After several weeks of controversy and

delay, the case was compromised by Mr. McIntyre paying to the union $250. which his bank paid and the work proceeded.

Now I am unwilling to keep the non-union boys here and have Mr. McConigle's work and Faith & Company's work both stop for an indefinite period until the said iron work at vaults is completed and after that until the union workmen can be settled with to get them to work around the work that they claim is unfair, in which case I as a representative of the Government would be responsible for the said delay and for delay in the vault work proper when that work begins here, as the union would not allow union workmen to place any vault work in connection with the iron work previously put in my non-union workmen. I know this because the unions pursued that course before causing delay and trouble, and time is of considerable importance now in our efforts to complete the building within the next few months.

Now, as stated before, I have tried for about nine months to secure some progress from the Diebold Safe and Lock Company to avoid the serious delay which they have occasioned already and are continuing to cause, and as the iron for re-enforcing the floors has been here almost four months and not yet in place, but would have been in place in less than one month after its arrival if the said Company had adopted a course that was at all business-like or that showed they had intentions to comply with the requirements of their contract, and as the said company has remaining less than three months and a half of their contract time to complete their work, less time than they have wasted in putting in place a ton or two of small iron beams, it seems to me that

the said company should be served with notice that they must proceed with their work in accordance with paragraph 2 on page 5 of the specification for their work, which says "The work must be executed in such a manner as in the judgment of the Superintendent of the building will interfere the least with the operations of other contractors in the building and yet prosecuted with all reasonable speed", which they have violated and are continuing to violate,and that they must also adopt such methods as to complete their work within the contract time of which there remains but a small portion. And as my letter of February 12th,last,(above referred to) notified them in writing that they should perform the work of re-enforcing the floors at once,as provided in lines 42,43 and 44,page 2,of their contract,it would seem that if eight day's notice were served upon them as provided by lines 45,46,47, &c., that arrangements might be made to get bids for the remainder of the work now causing delay and charging the expense for the same against the Diebold Safe and Lock Company.

You no doubt understand that workmen at these buildings must either be all union or all non-union, or else there is continual strife and delay, and as the contractors tell me they cannot secure non-union workmen to finish the work, I ask you for instructions as to the course to pursue, and I am certain we cannot allow non-union workment to finish the iron work and then have union workmen proceed afterward with the work in connection therewith.

I have endeavored to act impartially to do justice to Mr.McConigle and Vaitk & Company as well as to the Diebold Safe and Lock Company,who practically stated in their letter to their representative they did not

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want a conflict with the unions, and intending neither to crush the unions nor to prevent any deserving man from obtaining work, but more can be accomplished by keeping more than thirty men at work(and there should be double that number) and requiring the four men to give way to union labor for the few days yet required,rather than retaining the four men and letting more than thirty men leave, which latter course I know from experience would cause present delay and lead to controversy hereafter,as already stated, when the union workmen employed by present contractors are returned to work to place material in connection with the non-union work and further complications when the Diebold Safe and Lock Company start placing their vault work proper in connection with said work.

I have written fully in order that you will understand the facts when the Citizens Alliance presents its statement to the Department,so that it will not be necessary thereafter for you to write me for an explanation before making your reply which course would require probably ten days delay in getting your reply ready for them.

I enclose herewith statements from the representative of Mr.James A.McConigle and S.Faith and Company concerning this matter, from which you may understand their position and my position as well.

Asking for instructions as to the proper course to pursue,whether to retain the large force and let the small number go, or retain the four men and let more than thirty go, and recommending that the Diebold Safe and Lock Company be notified that they must proceed with their work at once(the remaining iron work for re-enforcing the floor of vault F is

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in the city, so I understand) and not cause further delay in work under other contracts, I am

Respectfully,

Superintendent.

Construction,

Mint Building,

Denver, Colo., March 5,1904.

Mr.J.K.Taylor,

Supervising Architect,

Treasury Department, Washington, D.C.

Sir:-

I am in receipt of your letter (initial J.C.P.) of the 1st instant enclosing copy of Department letter of even date accepting the proposal of S.Faith & Company,in amount $80.oo,as an addition to their contract for the Mechanical Equipment of the Mint Building in this city,for changing the location of ash hoist, etc., vouchers for which work will be issued in accordance with instructions.

Respectfully,

Superintendent.

Construction,

Mint Building,

Denver, Colo., March 7,1904.

Mr.J.K.Taylor,

Supervising Architect,

Treasury Department,Washington, D.C.

Sir:-

I am in receipt of your letter (initial S.) of the 2nd instant,enclosing copy of letter of same date addressed to Messrs.S.Faith & Co., contractors for the Mechanical Equipment of the Mint Building in this city, and also enclosing copy of letter of the 25th ultimo from said contractors to your Office relative to the small payments received by them for work alleged to have been done at this building, and in reply I have to say concerning their statement that "It does no good to send statements to the Superintendent of the building,as he ignores same", that up to the time of writing said letter by said company no statement concerning the work had been received by me,and it is therefore necessarily a falsehood that I ignored said statements; but a statement of work alleged to have been done was handed to me on the first instant after a voucher had been certified and issued to the representative of said company(on February 29th),which statement from the contractors indicated that the value of work in place to that time was about $30,000. in excess of the amount I had allowed payment for to that date. I showed the representative of Faith & Company that $20,000. in said statement was for work not yet in place,which included $8,000. for boilers,

two of which which have been delivered and the other two not delivered and the whereabouts of same unknown. No boiler settings or preparation for placing the two boilers received have been made,and no one is here to take charge of said work. An item was also included for steam separators,steam piping,etc., not yet placed, and an item for freight and labor, whereas our valuation of the work has been prepared for work in place and a fixed amount for each item which includes,of course, the labor and freight. I also showed the representative of said company that their estimate for vent ducts of galvanized iron was several thous--and dollars in excess of the value of said work, so that when deduct-ing for material delivered and not placed and for the excess on that one item, the said statement was within $5,000. of the amount I had allowed,and that amount was made up,I am satisfied,by over-valuation of other items, so that I am confident that Faith & Company have been paid for all the work they have put in place to this time.

There remains all the work of heating room in basement,much of the piping throughout the building,practically all the high pressure steam piping and power plant, boiler settings,boilers, steam separators, motors throughout the building,all plumbing fixtures,nearly all the marble work and floors in toilet rooms, pressure tanks,pumps,a portion of the artesian well and many other items of work not yet completed, and it seems that said contractors should give more time to considera-tion of methods that will advance the progress of their work towards completion,in which they are at the present time inexcusably slow,rather than writing letters to your Office making false statements concerning

payments made to them, and it seems that said contractors should be thankful in view of the delay in their work,which should have been completed a year ago, that payments have not been stopped absolutely by the Department, and I have to recommend that demand be made upon said contractors that they proceed with greater dispatch and more business-like methods in the prosecution of their work at this building which has for months been delaying work on other contracts and which shows very little prospect of being completed within the present fiscal year.

Respectfully,

Superintendent.

Construction,

Mint Building,

Denver, Colo., March 7th,1904.

Mr.J.K.Taylor,

Supervising Architect,

Treasury Department,Washington, D.C.

Sir:-

I am in receipt of your letter (initial J.C.P.) of the 3rd instant,enclosing copy of Department letter of even date accepting the proposal of the Diebold Safe & Lock Company to substitute forged steel for pressure bar housings in connection with their contract for Burglar Proof Vaults for the Mint Building in this city, the same to be without additional expense to the Government, which letter has been placed on file.

Respectfully,

Lee Utley

Superintendent.

Construction,

Mint Building,

Denver, Colo., March 7,1904.

Mr.J.K.Taylor,

Supervising Architect,

Treasury Department,Washington, D.C.

Sir:-

I am in receipt of your letter (initialS.) of the 2nd instant enclosing copy of report of Mr.J.P.Bergin,Vault,Safe & Lock Expert,relative to the progress of work on vault construction under contract with the Diebold Safe & Lock Company for the Mint Building, in this city, and have placed said report on file.

Referring to your request that I report concerning any preliminary work under said contract which should be done at this time, I will state that I believe said matter was fully covered in my letter to you on the 4th instant, and I have again to request that a demand be made upon the Diebold Safe & Lock Company to proceed with their work with more dispatch.

Respectfully,

Superintendent.

Construction,

Mint Building,

Denver, Colo., March 7,1904.

To Supervising Architect,

Treasury Department,Washington,D.C.

Oil tanks delivered,now setting same. Early inspection desired to permit filling and grading of lot.

Ullery,Supt.Mint.

Official Business
Gov't Rate,Collect.

T E L E G R A M.

Construction,

Mint Building,

Denver, Colo., March 7,1904.

Mr.J.K.Taylor,

Supervising Architect,

Treasury Department, Washington, D.C.

Sir:-

I am in receipt of your letter (initial S.) of the 2nd instant enclosing copy of report of Mr.J.P.Bergin,Vault,Safe & Lock Expert,relative to the progress of work on vault construction under contract with the Diebold Safe & Lock Company for the Mint Building in this city, and have placed said report on file.

Referring to your request that I report concerning any preliminary work under said contract which should be done at this time,I will state that I believe said matter was fully covered in my letter to you on the 4th instant,and I have again to request that a demand be made upon the Diebold Safe & Lock Company to proceed with their work with more dispatch.

Enclosed herewith is the copy of my letter of February 12th, last,to the Diebold Safe & Lock Company referred to in my letter to you of the 4th instant,which copy was inadvertently omitted from said letter.

Respectfully,

Superintendet.

Construction,

Mint Building,

Denver, Colo., March 8,1904.

To Supervising Architect,

Treasury, Washington, D.C.

Demand of Diebold Company that re-enforcing floors vaults F,G and M and repairing terra cotta and other work damaged by them be completed by March 19. Understand all material for same is in city.

Supt. Mint.

Official Business,
Gov't Rate, Collect.

T E L E G R A M.

Construction,

Mint Building,

Denver, Colo., March 8,1904.

Mr.J.K.Taylor,

Supervising Architect,

Treasury Department,Washington,D.C.

Sir:-

I am in receipt of your letter (initial S.) of the 5th instant,enclosing copy of report of W.O.Saville,Inspector,Heating,Hoisting & Ventilating Apparatus in relation to the condition of work under Messrs.S.Paith & Company's contract for the Mechanical Equipment of the Mint Building,in this city, also copy of Office letter of even date addressed to said contractors in reference to their work, and directing me to keep record of the number of days delay for which said contractors are responsible and to report to your Office on the 20th instant whether the contractors are making an effort to prosecute their work with more diligence, which instructions will be duly complied with.

Respectfully,

Superintendent.

Construction,

Mint Building,

Denver, Colo., March 8,1904.

Mr.J.K.Taylor,

Supervising Architect,

Treasury Department, Washington, D.C.

Sir:-

I am in receipt of your letter (initial J.C.P.) of the 4th instant relative to certain trim on corridor side of elevator door frames in the basement of the Mint Building,in this city,under my charge,and informing me that wooden trim to correspond with other trim in corridor is required,and although cast iron would have been better,the same cannot be demanded of the contractor in view of the fact that the contract drawings indicate wood trim and cast iron jambs, and I have directed that the work be performed accordingly.

Respectfully,

Superintendent.

Construction,

Mint Building,

Denver, Colo., March 8,1904.

Mr. J.K.Taylor,

Supervising Architect,

Treasury Department, Washington, D.C.

Sir:-

I am in receipt of your letter (initial J.K.T.) of the 5th instant, informing me that the Department has rejected all proposals received under advertisement dated January 7th,1904, for lighting fixtures for the Mint Building in this city under my charge, and stating that new proposals will be invited based upon revised drawings and specification.

Respectfully,

Superintendent.

Construction,

Mint Building,

Denver, Colo., March 8,1904.

Mr.J.K.Taylor,

Supervising Architect,

Treasury Department,Washington, D.C.

Sir:-

I am in receipt of your letter (initial J.C.P.) of the 5th instant enclosing copy of Department letter of even date accepting the proposal of Mr.James A.McConigle,in amount $30.00,as an addition to his contract for the Completion(except certain vaults,plumbing, &c.),Mint Building,in this city, for certain terra cotta partition in attic of said building, vouchers for which work will be issued in accordance with instructions.

Respectfully,

Superintendent.

Construction,

Mint Building,

Denver, Colo., March 8,1904.

Mr.J.K.Taylor,

Supervising Architect,

Treasury Department,Washington, D.C.

Sir:-

In compliance with instructions in Department letter (initial F.B. W.) of the 5th ultimo,I have the honor to submit this my weekly report.

The work under S.Faith & Company's contract for the Mechanical Equipment of the Mint Building,in this city,is being installed in accordance with the terms of the agreement.

35% of the plumbing,30% of the heating and ventilating apparatus, 85% of the electric wiring and 75% of the elevators have been put in place.

I have to state,however, that S.Faith & Company have not installed 1% of their contract since the date of my last report,March 1st,and I again respectfully call your attention to the slow progress of their work. Their foreman here is about ready to contract for the concrete foundations for the two boilers received about two weeks ago,but the man who is to come from New York to erect the boilers has not yet arrived.

The artesian well has been drilled to a depth of 490 feet.

I am informed by the superintendent for the Otis Elevator Company that all material necessary for the completion of the elevators is now on the site.

The switchboard to be placed in the engine room under S.Faith & Co.'s

contract cannot be installed until the floor has been completed in said room. I understand this is not yet under contract, and I would respectfully inquire as to the advisability of making a contract for said floor to extend from the line of the storage vault to the line of the iron columns in said room.

A large portion of the work in the building is being retarded by S.Faith & Company, and I respectfully call your attention to the report submitted by Mr.Ullery on the 7th instant in this connection, in which report I concur.

Respectfully,

M.C.Saville

Inspector, Heating, Hoisting & Ventilating Apparatus.

Forwarded through the
Superintendent of Construction.

Construction,

Mint Building,

Denver, Colo., March 9,1904.

Mr.J.K.Taylor,

Supervising Architect,

Treasury Department,Washington,D.C.

Sir:-

Referring to paragraph 1,page 39,of the specification for work under Mr.James A.McGonigle's contract for the Completion(except certain vaults,plumbing,etc.),Mint Building in this city, which states "All exterior copper work shall be given,in addition to any previous painting, three coats of lead and linseed oil paint, tints as directed", I have to ask whether it is intended that the copper work put in place under previous contract shall be painted, namely the covering of roof deck,skylight curb,gutter linings and covering of main cornice.

While it may not have been the intention in preparing the specification to require the contractor to paint said copper work,yet it would seem advisable to paint the copper work with an asphalt paint or other paint that would resist acid fumes,etc. that are liable to attack the copper in connection with mint work.

I have also to ask whether it is desired to paint the copper work of main ceiling light in second story and ceiling in coiner's office and transfer room as I find no reference to the same in the specifica-

tion,and as it is likely that the copper work will turn dark in a short time if not painted, I have to ask whether it would not also be advisable to paint it to harmonize with the plaster work adjoining same.

Respectfully,

Leo Gallery

Superintendent.

Construction,

Mint Building,

Denver, Colo., March 9,1904.

Mr.J.K.Taylor,

Supervising Architect,

Treasury Department, Washington, D.C.

Sir:-

I am in receipt of your letter (initial J.C.P.) of the 5th instant enclosing copy of Department letter of even date accepting the proposal of Mr.James A.McGonigle to deduct $10.oo from his contract for the Completion(except certain vaults,plumbing,etc.),Mint Building in this city,for omitting certain T irons required at the meeting rails of fourteen basement windows in said building.

Respectfully,

Superintendent.

Construction,

Mint Building,

Denver, Colo., March 11,1904.

Mr.C.E.Kemper,

Acting Supervising Architect,

Treasury Department, Washington, D.C.

Sir:-

As directed in your letter (initial J.C.P.) of the 13th ultimo, I requested Mr.James A.McGonigle,contractor for the Completion(except certain vaults,plumbing,etc.),Mint Building,in this city, to submit a proposal for covering feeder conduits at ceiling of boiler room in said buildingin copy of my letter of the 15th ultimo being enclosed herewith), and in response have received the enclosed proposal dated the 10th instant,in amounts $120.00 for said work using Buckhorn wall plaster(made at Loveland,Colorado) similar to that used throughout the building, and $150.00 if asbestos plaster is used.

This work is the same as contemplated by proposal from S.Faith & Company,in amount $247.00,forwarded to your Office on the 2nd ultimo, and as I consider the enclosed proposals reasonable and it would seem advisable to plaster the same with asbestos, I recommend that Mr.McGonigle's proposal in amount $150.00 be accepted.

Respectfully,

Superintendent.

Construction,

Mint Building,

Denver, Colo., March 11,1904.

Mr.J.K.Taylor,

Supervising Architect,

Treasury Department, Washington, D.C.

Sir:-

As directed in your letter (initial J.C.P.) of the 29th ultimo, I requested Messrs.S.Faith & Company,contractors for the Mechanical Equipment of the Mint Building in this city, to submit a proposal for running the live steam pipe to the gas generating room and requested a deduction for the omission of steam pipe to the room in the basement formerly intended to be used as gas generating room(a copy of my letter of the 3rd instant is herewith enclosed), and in reply I have received the enclosed proposal,in amount $29.00 additional,for running the pipe to the new gas generating room and a deduction of $11. for the omission as requested, which proposals are considered reasonable and I recommend their acceptance.

Respectfully,

Leo Willing

Superintendent.

Construction,

Mint Building,

Denver, Colorado, March 12th, 1904.

Mr J. K. Taylor,

Supervising Architect, Treasury Department,

Washington, D. C.

Sir:-

Referring to your letter (initial F.B.W.) of the 26th ultimo that master-keying of locks of doors in the Mint Building in this city must be as directed by the Custodian of the building, I have to say that I asked the assayer in charge at the U. S. Mint (old) in this city for the information, assuming that he would be the custodian here although none has yet been appointed ,so far as I know, but he is unwilling to give the information, but states that he has referred my request to the Director of the Mint.

As Mr. McGonigle , the contractor states that his hardware people must have the information before they can manufacture the locks, I have to request if the matter can be decided by conference with the Director of the Mint, that the information be forwarded to Mr. McGonigle at Leavenworth, Kansas, where he now is, as he says he would like to have it as early as possible.

Respectfully,

Lee Ellery

Superintendent.

Construction,

Mint Building,

Denver, Colo., March 14,1904.

Mr.C.H.Kemper,

Chief Executive Officer, Office of Supervising Architect,

Treasury Department, Washington, D.C.

Sir:-

I am in receipt of your letter (initial P.) of the 10th instant informing me that a request has been made for a remittance of $45,000 to the Disbursing Agent for the Mint Building in this city, and referring to the same I have to call attention to the fact that my estimate of funds for February,1904,requested $30,460.66, but the Disbursing Agent informs me that no remittance was made in response to said estimate, so that at the end of February the funds in his hands were about $12,000 less than the amount of vouchers issued for that time. One contractor has been waiting for his money since that time and there is now no money in the Disbursing Agents hands with which to pay either said contractor for his work done in February or the salaries of the contingent force at this office on the 15th instant, and when the $45,000 is received,as mentioned in your letter of the 10th instant, there will remain about $32,000 of the same with which to pay the vouchers issued for the current month and salaries at the end of this month and the 15th of April,as it is not likely another remittance will be received prior to that time.

My estimate of funds for the month of March was $45,420.67, so that

It would appear that in case the contractors for heating apparatus put in place the boilers,motors,etc.,which it is contemplated they will do, and Mr.McKnight puts in place the marble work contemplated(three car loads having been received within the past few days), it would seem that in the neighborhood of $65,000 will be necessary to pay the vouchers issued this month, and as only a little more than two thirds of this amount will be available,it would appear that additional funds should be furnished in response to the request in the February estimate of funds in order to pay the vouchers and prevent another shortage or continuation of the present one.

Considerable complaint has been made to be by sub-contractors that they are not paid promptly and it seems to me that when the contractors are required to wait one half month for their money from the Government after vouchers have been issued to them,we cannot justly criticise the contractors for their tardiness in making payments to sub-contractors; and while payments are made to the contractors in the nature of an accommodation,yet the contract provides for said payments and it seems the contractor has a right to expect the Government to fulfill its portion of the contract by having funds on hand to pay for the work when it has been completed, and it would also seem that the contingent force employed by the Government at the building is entitled to salaries when due and that the officials in the Department should be willing to furnish funds for the payment of salaries outside of Washington as promptly as the salaries are paid in the Department there.

The last remittance of $65,000 for work here was requested by your

office on January 15th, as stated in your letter of that date, and the Disbursing Agent informs me that the same was received here on February 2nd, so that if it requires the same length of time (eighteen days) for the $45,000 requested in your letter of the 10th instant to reach the Disbursing Agent, it will be the end of March before funds are in his hands available for payment of contractors vouchers and salaries to the contingent force and when received will only temporarily amend the stringency in money matters, and it is on this account that I call your attention to the condition existing and of the advisability of an additional remittance in response to the February request as we hope the present condition will not be permitted to continue.

Respectfully,

Superintendent.

Construction,

Mint Building,

Denver, Colo., March 14th,1904.

Mr.J.K.Taylor,

Supervising Architect,

Treasury Department, Washington, D.C.

Sir:-

I am in receipt of your letter (initial J.C.P.) of the 9th instant directing me to reject the proposal,in amount $725.00, submitted by S.Smith & Company,contractors for the Mechanical Equipment of the Mint Building in this city, for the substitution of flush type instruments on the switchboard,in lieu of those specified, and to inform the contractors that any instruments for the switchboard now in Denver must be shipped to Reading where the board is being built in order that the switchboard when completed may be inspected, and in reply will state that I have informed the contractors as directed and will require the switchboard to be constructed with instruments as called for by the specification.

Respectfully,

Superintendent.

Construction,

Mint Building,

Denver, Colo., March 14th,1904.

Mr.J.K.Taylor,

Supervising Architect,

Treasury Department,Washington, D.C.

Sir:-

Referring to your letter (initial S.) of January 12th,last,directing me to make inspection of iron work for the U.S.Public Building at Cheyenne,Wyoming, will say that on the 12th instant I visited the shops of the Denver Iron and Wire Works and inspected framing and cast iron strings,treads and risers for the second story portion of main stairs and found said work generally good and ready for shipment except that some risers and nosings of treads and strings needed cleaning and dressing and two pieces of facia straightened which it was promised would be done and the work painted and shipped that afternoon.

Two cast iron bases for the finish of columns have been cast,but have some imperfections which the foreman stated could be remedied. Three other bases were cast but had defects too great to correct. I will again inspect the cast iron bases before they are shipped. They have been cast in sections which it is the intention to secure together with tap screws along the joints on the face let into plates inside the base, but it seems to me that tap screws would better be let in through the bottom from beneath and at the top from above into wrought iron bands inside,so that the sections may be held securely together and at the same time have no screws visible on the face of the cast iron bases.

Respectfully,

Superintendent.

Construction,

Mint Building,

Denver, Colo., March 14th,1904.

Mr.J.K.Taylor,

Supervising Architect,

Treasury Department,Washington,D.C.

Sir:-

I am in receipt of your letter (initial S.) of the 9th instant enclosing copy of Department letter of same date addressed to The Diebold Safe & Lock Company,contractors for Burglar Proof Vaults, Mint Building in this city, demanding of them that the work of reenforcing the floors of vaults F,G and M, repairs to terra cotta,&c., be completed by the 19th instant, and requesting me to keep the Office informed as to the action of the contractors in complying with said demand, and in reply will state that information will be given fully concerning the company's action and report with recommendation made on the 19th instant regarding said work.

Respectfully,

Superintendent.

Construction,

Mint Building,

Denver, Colo., March 14th, 1904.

Messrs. S. Faith & Company,

Denver, Colorado.

Gentlemen:-

I am directed by the Supervising Architect to reject your proposal, in amount $725.00, dated the 26th ultimo, for furnishing and placing flush type instruments on the switchboard in lieu of those required by your contract for the Mechanical Equipment of the Mint Building in this city, and I am to require that instruments be placed in accordance with the specification and also to inform you that any instruments for said switchboard that have been delivered in Denver must be returned to Reading where the switchboard is being manufactured so that when the switchboard is completed and all instruments are in place, it may be inspected as a whole in accordance with paragraph #804 of the specification.

Respectfully,

Superintendent.

Construction,

Mint Building,

Denver, Colo., March 15,1904.

Mr.J.K.Taylor,

Supervising Architect,

Treasury Department, Washington, D.C.

Sir:-

I am in receipt of your letter (initial S.) of the 12th instant enclosing copy of letter of the 10th instant from the Diebold Safe & Lock Company to your Office,also copy of Office letter of the 12th instant to the Diebold Safe & Lock Company,relative to re-enforcing floors for vaults E,F, G & M under their contract for Burglar Proof Vaults,Mint Building in this city, and in reply I will state that said company's representative made arrangements yesterday to resume said work and it began this morning and is progressing satisfactorily. A report will be made to your Office as directed.

Respectfully,

Superintendent.

Construction,

Mint Building,

Denver, Colo., March 15,1904.

Mr.J.K.Taylor,

Supervising Architect,

Treasury Department, Washington, D.C.

Sir;-

I am in receipt of your letter (initial S.) of the 12th instant enclosing copy of letter of same date addressed to Messrs.S. Faith & Company,contractors for the Mechanical Equipment of the Mint Building in this city, relative to delay in their work and their contention concerning payments and instructing me to keep record of all delays in the work in order that information may be given regarding the same at the time of final payment, and in reply will state that records are being kept in accordance with said instructions.

Respectfully,

Superintendent.

Construction,

Mint Building,

Denver, Colo., March 15,1904.

To the Custodian,

U.S.Court House & Post Office Building,

Denver, Colorado.

Sir:-

In accordance with instructions in letter (initial S.) of November 28,last,from the Acting Supervising Architect informing me of the acceptance of proposal,in amount $42oo,from Martin J.Wicklem, for changes in the building under your charge and directing me to make semi-monthly reports on the work, I have to inform you that the work is now completed and rooms occupied except the stamp room where some marble work is yet unfinished but will probably be completed by to-morrow,and the painting of plaster,varnishing of wood work remains to be done as well as placing the grilles at exterior windows and windows of screen in stamp room. The quality of the work is in every way satisfactory, and would have been completed prior to this time but for difficulties encountered in getting possession of rooms in which changes were to be made, the officials being in several cases unwilling to be disturbed until new quarters were provided for them.

Respectfully,

Superintendent.

Construction,

Mint Building,

Denver, Colo., March 15th, 1904.

Mr. J.K. Taylor,

Supervising Architect,

Treasury Department, Washington, D.C.

Sir:-

I am in receipt of your letter (initial J.C.P.) of the 12th instant enclosing copy of Department letter of same date accepting the proposal, in amount $7,885.00, of Mr. James A. McDonigle, contractor for the completion (except certain vaults, plumbing, etc.), Mint Building in this city, for storage cellar for sweeps and authorizing me to issue vouchers for said work, which will be done.

Respectfully,

Superintendent.

Construction,

Mint Building,

Denver, Colo., March 15,1904.

Mr.J.K.Taylor,

Supervising Architect,

Treasury Department,Washington, D.C.

Sir:-

I am in receipt of your letter (initial S.) of the 12th instant relative to jointing trim of joinery work under Mr.James A.McGonigle's contract for the Completion(except certain vaults,plumbing &c.),Mint Building in this city,and informing me that the method of jointing same as reported by the inspector is objectionable and that no objection will be made to jointing the trim provided joints are concealed, and in reply will state that I have so informed the contractor.

Respectfully,

Superintendent.

Construction,

Mint Building,

Denver, Colo., March 15,1904.

Mr.James A.McGonigle,

Denver, Colorado.

Sir:-

In the matter of preparing joinery work under your contract of Completion,&c.,Mint Building in this city, I have to inform you that the Supervising Architect reports that the method of jointing the trim at doors and windows,as reported by a representative of the Government,is considered objectionable inasmuch as the joint will show at the back of said trim,but there is no objection to jointing the trim provided the joints are concealed,in which case it would seem necessary to construct said trim in three pieces for each section,the back band to be in one piece and the joint to come in the quirk adjoining the moulding as indicated by a sketch herewith.

Respectfully,

Superintendent.

Mint Building, Denver, Colorado,
March 15th, 4.

Completed	97% Completed
97% "	38% "
None	Completed
80% Completed	95% Completed
97% "	15% Completed
Completed	(Fireproof) Completed
40% Completed	80% "
Completed	30% "
80% "	85% "
	80% "

Work under Messrs.S.Faith & Company's contract is progressing slowly as reported before. The plumbing fixtures have been received,but not yet placed. Two boilers have been received, but not placed; no foundations for the boiler settings have been begun. Considerable of the high pressure steam piping has been placed. Floors in toilet rooms about completed.

Work under Mr James A.McConigle's contract of Completion, &c., is progressing satisfactorily.

Mechanics employed:1 bricklayer, 1 carpenter, 3 marble setters, 2 copperworkers, 2 electricians, 4 iron workers, 2 steam fitters, 3 plumbers and 25 laborers.

Respectfully,

Superintendent.

Construction,

Mint Building,

Denver, Colo., March 17,1904.

Mr.J.K.Taylor,
Supervising Architect,
Treasury Department, Washington, D.C.

Sir:-

In compliance with instructions in Department letter (initial F.B.W.) of the 5th ultimo,I have the honor to submit this my weekly report.

The work under S.Faith & Company's contract for the Mechanical Equipment of the Mint Building in this city,is being installed in accordance with the terms of the agreement.

Since the date of my last report,however,no work has been performed except the placing of considerable of the steam piping,about 5% of the elevator work and the artesian well drilled to a depth of 615 feet, 212 feet of 6 1/4" casing having been placed during the last few days.

35% of the plumbing,30% of the heating and ventilating apparatus,85% of the electric wiring and 80% of the elevators have been put in place.

No preparations have been made,so far as I am able to learn,for the placing of boiler settings,two of the boilers having now been on hand for some weeks. No information can be obtained regarding the remaining two boilers,except that they were shipped about two months ago,and I most respectfully request that the contractors be directed to attend to this matter at once and also to hasten the installation of all work under their contract,which work is still progressing very unsatisfactorily and delaying work under other contracts.

Respectfully,

Inspector,Heating,Hoisting and
Ventilating Apparatus.

Construction,

Mint Building,

Denver, Colo., March 29,1904.

Mr.J.K.Taylor,

Supervising Architect,

Treasury Department,Washington,D.C.

Sir:-

As directed in your letter (initial S.) of the 9th instant,I have to make report on the work of re-enforcing the floors of vaults E,F,G and M in the Mint Building in this city, under contract with the Diebold Safe & Lock Company,by informing you that the said work has been completed except the placing of the corrugated iron arch sheets which would have been placed but for the necessity of applying the second and third coats of paint to the same on the underside before placing,which work will be completed and the sheets placed on Monday,the 21st instant. All beams,angle stiffeners,uprights,etc.,have been placed satisfactorily and the terra cotta work repaired,so that all of said work that interfered with the progress of work under other contracts has been completed and no delay will be caused by deferring to the 21st instant the placing of the corrugated iron sheets, and I recommend that no further demand be made upon the Diebold Safe & Lock Company in reference to the work of re-enforcing the floors,but it would seem that they should not lose sight of the fact that the time remaining for the completion of the vaults in this building is but short and requires faithful attention and energetic efforts on their part to complete the same by June 15th,next,which is the limit of time allowed by their contract.

Respectfully,

Superintendent.

Construction,

Mint Building,

Denver, Colo., March 19,1904.

Mr.J.K.Taylor,

Supervising Architect,

Treasury Department, Washington,D.C.

Sir:-

I am in receipt of your letter (initial F.B.W.) of the 15th instant enclosing copy of Office letter of even date address-ed to Mr.James A.McConigle relative to the border for the first story corridor floor to be placed under his contract for the Completion(except certain vaults,plumbing,etc.),Mint Building in this city, which letter has been placed on file.

Respectfully,

Superintendent.

Construction,

Mint Building,

Denver, Colo., March 21st, 1904.

Messrs. S. Faith & Company,

Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

Gentlemen:-

I am in receipt of your letter of the 18th instant relative to alleged extra work in toilet rooms Nos. 2 and 3 of the Mint Building in this city, and I have to request that you state specifically the items of extra work and material for which you claim an extra compensation and the value of said additional items, upon receipt of which I will forward the same to the Department for consideration.

In this connection I have to invite your attention to paragraphs Nos. 30 and 31 of the specification for your work requiring you to take your own measurements at the building and stating that you will be held responsible for the proper fitting of your work. The error referred to and which you should have checked before getting out your work was the 4' width of water closet stall in toilet room No. 2; the length of said toilet room as actually constructed to receive the marble work, etc. really corresponds with other figures on the drawing, and in toilet room No. 3 the width of the water closet stall is not so wide as noted on the plan, but I am unable to discover how that would cause additional expense to you in completing your work, hence I ask for more specific statements in the matter before referring the same to the Department.

Respectfully,

Superintendent.

Construction,

Mint Building,

Denver, Colo., March 21,1904.

Mr.J.K.Taylor,

Supervising Architect,

Treasury Department, Washington, D.C.

Sir-

In accordance with instructions in your letter (initial S.) of the 5th instant that on the 20th instant I submit a report indicating whether Messrs.S.Faith & Company,contractors for the Mechanical Equipment of the Mint Building in this city,have given affect to the demand made by you upon them on that date that they increase the progress of their work on this building,and as the 20th instant was Sunday,I have now to report that so far as we are able to discover,no increase in the progress of the work is perceptible. Only two of the boilers and tubing for the same have yet arrived,and the whereabouts of the other two is unknown; the placing of plumbing fixtures is deferred until the marble work of toilet rooms is completed,which progresses but slowly, and efforts to induce the marble people to hasten their work have been unsuccessful. Some work is being done on concrete for pipe trenches in the basement and some hangers have been placed through the first floor for pipe supports and a few pipes are being put in at various places for service in the plumbing. It would seem proper,therefore, to demand of the contractors to prepare at once the foundations,etc. for the boiler settings and require them,if possible, to get tracers after the two boilers not yet

received and ascertain the whereabouts of the same and hasten the delivery, setting, etc., of said boilers; also demand that the marble work be more promptly placed and the remainder of the plumbing fixtures and fittings for the same be placed without further delay. The plumbing fittings have not yet been received.

Although the contractors, S. Faith & Company, and some of their sub-contractors are almost daily asking whether the Government has furnished money to the Disbursing Agent for the payment of February accounts(as the said contractors' voucher for that month has not yet been paid), he informs me that no money has yet been received for that purpose, the condition being as stated in my letter of the 14th instant to the Chief Executive Officer; and as the Government has not met its portion of the obligation as regards payments, I have not felt as free to recommend that demands be made upon them for their delay as I otherwise would.

Respectfully,

Superintendent.

Construction,

Mint Building,

Denver, Colo., March 21st, 1904.

Mr. J.K. Taylor,

Supervising Architect,

Treasury Department, Washington, D.C.

Sir:-

I am in receipt of your letter (initial J.C.P.) of the 17th instant enclosing copy of Office letter of even date, addressed to S. Faith & Company relative to cesspool in connection with their contract for the Mechanical Equipment of the Mint Building in this city, which letter has been placed on file.

Respectfully,

Superintendent.

Construction,

Mint Building,

Denver, Colo., March 21st, 1904.

Mr. J.K. Taylor,

Supervising Architect,

Treasury Department, Washington, D.C.

Sir:-

I am in receipt of your letter (initial F.B.W.) of the 17th instant enclosing copy of Office letter of even date addressed to Mr. James A. McConigle, and also a copy of full size detail drawing No. 269 in connection with the mosaic borders to be installed in the first story corridor under his contract for the Completion (except certain vaults, plumbing, etc.), Mint Building in this city, and in reply I will state that the work will be directed accordingly.

Respectfully,

Superintendent.

Construction,

Mint Building,

Denver, Colo., March 22,1904.

Mr.C.H.Kemper,

Chief Executive Officer,

Office of the Supervising Architect,

Treasury Department, Washington, D.C.

Sir,-

I am in receipt of your letter (initial P.) of the 19th instant informing me that a warrant in amount $45,000. has been issued and will be mailed at once to the Disbursing Agent for the Mint Building,in this city, under my charge.

Respectfully,

Superintendent.

Construction,

Mint Building,

Denver, Colo., March 22,1904.

Mr.J.K.Taylor,

Supervising Architect,

Treasury Department,Washington, D.C.

Sir;-

I enclose herewith a letter of the 19th instant from Mr.James A. McGonigle,contractor for the Completion(except certain vaults,plumbing,etc.),Mint Building in this city, in response to my letter of the 15th instant(a copy of which is herewith enclosed),relative to the jointing of trim for joinery work,in which letter he requests a modification of your ruling concerning the same as stated in your letter (initial S.) of the 12th instant, upon which letter my letter of the 15th instant was based.

My opinion concerning the said jointing was stated in letter of the 29th ultimo to you, and if it is considered proper to permit the placing of the trim jointed as indicated by Mr.Strickler's report,I will thank you to inform the contractor and myself to that effect. In view of the fact that the trim is practically ready for shipment and the urgent necessity of placing the trim as early as possible, I have to request that you inform me as early as convenient concerning this matter.

Respectfully,

Superintendent.

Office of
Superintendent of Construction,
U.S. Mint Building,
Denver, Colo., March 25,1904.

Mr.J.K.Taylor,
Supervising Architect,
Treasury Department,Washington,D.C.

Sir:-

Referring to paragraph 137 in specification for work of Mechanical Equipment,Mint Building in this city, I have to say that the contractors ask for information concerning the kind of hose which is required to be unlined and woven lined. Is it not intended that the said hose should be woven linen hose.

Respectfully,

Superintendent.

Construction,

Mint Building,

Denver, Colo., March 25,1904.

Mr.James A.McGonigle,

Leavenworth, Kansas.

Sir:-

In the matter of masterkeying locks on interior doors in the Mint Building in this city,which the specification for the work under your contract of Completion,&c., requires shall be in sets as directed, I have now to inform you that the sets for the various doors are to be as follows:

First Set.

Receiving Room, basement.
Shipping Room, "
Superintendent's Office Rooms, First floor
Chief Clerk, "
Bookkeeper, "
Cashier, "
Warrant Clerk, "
Transfer Room, "
Weigh Clerk, "

Second Set.

Custodian, Mezzanine floor,
Guards and Guides Room, Mezzanine floor.
Stationery Storage,Attic.
Northeast Storage Room, Attic.
Inspectors and Supply Clerk, Attic.
Sewing,Working and Supply Storage Room, Attic.

Third Set.

Deposit Melting Room, Basement.
Melter's Office, First floor.
Make Up Room, "
Melting Room, "
Refinery, Second floor.
Refinery Drying Room, Second floor.
Strip Annealing Room,Attic
Storage for Refinery, "

Fourth Set.

North rooms in basement(except toilet room and Deposit Melting Room) and Carpenter Shop.

Fifth Set.

Engine Room (2 doors), basement.
Boiler Room(foot of stairs), basement.
Ash Room, basement.
Well Room, "
Gas Generating Room, basement.
Blower Room, "

Sixth Set.

Coining Room, First floor.
Coiner's Office, "
Whitening Room, "
Rolling and Cutting Room, First floor.
Adjusters, Second floor.

Seventh Set.

Acid Laboratory, Second floor.
Furnace Laboratory, "
Weigh Room, "
Assayer's Laboratory, "
Assayer's Office, ".

Eighth Set.

Four rooms north of corridor, second floor, east rooms.

Ninth Set.

Machine Shop, Second floor.
Repair Machine, "
Tools, Machine Parts, etc., Second floor.
Blacksmith Shop, Attic.
Storage for Machine Shop, Attic.
Painter and Plumber, "
Storage Battery, ".
Storage for Assayer, "

Respectfully,

Superintendent.

Construction,

Mint Building,

Denver, Colo., March 25,1904.

Mr.C.E.Kemper,

Chief Executive Officer,

Office of the Supervising Architect,

Treasury Department, Washington, D.C.

Sir:-

I have to request authority to expend Six Dollars and Seventy Five Cents($6.75) for the payment of six month's water rent from November 1st,last, Two Dollars and Thirty Cents ($2.30) for ten gallons of coal oil for lights, and Thirty Dollars for telephone service for three months from April 1st, next, in the temporary office at the Mint Building in this city under my charge.

Respectfully,

Superintendent.

Construction,

Mint Building,

Denver, Colo., March 25,1904.

Mr.J.K.Taylor,

Supervising Architect,

Treasury Department, Washington, D.C.

Sir:-

I am in receipt of your letter (initial F.B.W.) of the 22nd instant,enclosing copy of Office letter of even date addressed to S. Faith & Company,contractors for the Mechanical Equipment of the Mint Building,in this city, advising them of the approval of drawing of acid fume fan,which has been numbered M-221-A, a copy of which drawing has also been received and placed on file for reference during construction of the work.

Respectfully,

Superintendent.

Construction,

Mint Building,

Denver, Colo., March 26,1904.

Messrs.S.Faith & Company,

Denver, Colorado.

Gentlemen:-

I have to request that you state the amount,in addition to your contract for the Mechanical Equipment of the Mint Building in this city,for which you will furnish and put in place a 2 inch conduit(similar to other conduits placed under your contract) run from behind the switchboard in engine room,beneath floors,through walls and into the sweeps room,to be constructed outside and at the southwest corner of the building. The conduit to be carried up in the corner to the spring of the arch, all as indicated on drawing #247-A, a copy of which may be seen in this office.

Respectfully,

Superintendent.

Construction,

Mint Building,

Denver, Colo., March 26,1904.

Mr.J.K.Taylor,

Supervising Architect,

Treasury Department, Washington, D.C.

Sir:-

In compliance with instructions in Department letter (initial F.B.W.) of the 5th ultimo, I have the honor to submit this my weekly report.

The work under S.Faith & Co.'s contract for the Mechanical Equipment of the Mint Building in this city is being installed in accordance with the terms of the agreement.

35% of the plumbing, 30% of the heating and ventilating apparatus, 85% of the electric wiring and 80% of the elevators have been put in place. Not 1% of the work has been put in place since my report of the 17th inst.

The artesian well has been completed to a depth of 701 feet above grade, and all casing has been placed; about one third of the marble wains -coting of toilet room in attic has been placed, two feed pumps have been connected, and the greater portion of steam piping has been placed.

No preparations have yet been made for placing the boiler settings, and no information can be obtained as to the whereabouts of the two boil- ers supposed to have been shipped early in January. The work under this contract still progresses very unsatisfactorily.

Respectfully,

Inspector,Heating,Hoisting and Ventilating Apparatus.

Forwarded through the Superintendent of Construction.

Lee Billings

Construction,

Mint Building,

Denver, Colo., March 28,1904.

Mr.J.H.Taylor,

Supervising Architect,

Treasury Department, Washington, D.C.

Sir:-

I enclose herewith four application blanks for connection to the water main at the Evans Street side of the Mint Building in this city,which blanks were presented to me by S.Faith & Company, contractors for the Mechanical Equipment of said building,for signature as required by the City Water Company before connection can be made, and as the signature must be made by some one having authority to pay the rates made by the company and abide by the rules and regulations, I forward the said blanks for signature or such instructions as will be proper in the case.

If the Director of the Mint or other officials of the Department will sign the four applications, I will thank you to have three of them returned to me,one for the files of my office,one for the contractor and the original to be deposited with the Water Company.

Respectfully,

Superintendent.

Construction,

Mint Building,

Denver, Colo., March 28, 1904.

Mr. J. K. Taylor,

Supervising Architect,

Treasury Department, Washington, D.C.

Sir:-

Please send me ten transportation requests, and

oblige

Respectfully yours,

Inspector, Heating, Hoisting
and Ventilating Apparatus.

Construction,

Mint Building,

Denver, Colo., March 28,1904.

Mr.J.K.Taylor,

Supervising Architect,

Treasury Department,Washington,D.C.

Sir:-

I am in receipt of your letter (initial P.B.W.) of the 24th instant relative to photographs submitted by Mr.James A.McGonigle for certain ornamental plaster work included in his contract for the Completion(except certain vaults,plumbing,etc.),Mint Building in this city, and I have instructed the contractor of the contents of your letter.

Respectfully,

Lee [illegible]

Superintendent.

Construction,

Mint Building,

Denver, Colo., March 28,1904.

Mr.James A.McConigle,

Denver, Colorado.

Sir:-

Referring to photographs representing models for plaster work to be used in your contract or Completion,&c.,Mint Building in this city, the Supervising Architect advises that sheet No.1 is satisfactory,but that sheet marked No.2,which shows the large cartouche for corners of cornice,is not,and must be made to correspond in every way with the model furnished for this work by the Government. He states that the photographs are apparently taken from plaster casts,and your attention is directed to the fact that the specification states the photographs are to be taken from the models before casting,in other words,from the clay.

Respectfully,

Superintendent.

Construction,

Mint Building,

Denver, Colo., March 29,1904.

To the Custodian,

U.S.Court House and Post Office Building,

Denver, Colorado.

Sir:-

In accordance with instructions in letter (initial S.) of November 28th,1903,from the Acting Supervising Architect informing me of the acceptance of proposal,in amount $4200. from Mr.Martin J.Wicklem, for changes in the building under your charge and directing me to make semi-monthly reports on the work, I have to state that the work was practically completed on the 15th instant,there remaining some slight changes to be made at various places and some minor matters yet to be completed, all of which were satisfactorily completed on the 24th instant. The work would have been completed some weeks before the time stated but for the fact that the contractor encountered difficulties in getting possession of various rooms,the officials occupying which were unwilling to move until new quarters were provided for them, and I recommend that the contractor be paid the balance due him in full without any deduction for delay.

Respectfully,

Superintendent.

construction,

Mint Building,

Denver, Colo., March 29,1904.

Mr.James A.McConigle,

Denver, Colorado.

Sir:-

I am in receipt of letter from the Supervising Architect of the Treasury Department with reference to jointing of the wood trim under your contract for the Completion,&c.,Mint Building,in this city,in which he states that,as the full size details did not disclose the method of jointing the trim and as the matter was left to the judgment of the contractor by letter of April 29,1903, no objection will be interposed by the Office to the installation of the wood trim as prepared,provided that in all other respects the quality of material and character of workmanship fulfills requirements of the agreement, and that the material and finish when installed shall be satisfactory in all respects; and, referring to the same, I have to inform you that it will be necessary to so put the joinery work in place that the pieces shall fit close and that jointing will be as nearly invisible as possible.

Respectfully,

Superintendent.

Construction,

Mint Building,

Denver, Colo., March 29,1904.

Mr.J.K.Taylor,

Supervising Architect,

Treasury Department, Washington, D.C.

Sir:-

I am in receipt of your letter (initial S.) of the 26th instant relative to jointing of trim of interior finish included in Mr. James A.McGonigle's contract for the Completion(except certain vaults, plumbing,etc.),Mint Building in this city,in which you state that as the matter was left to the judgment of the contractor,no objection will be interposed by the Office to the installation of the joinery trim as prepared,provided the material,etc., and character of the work fulfills the requirements of the specification, and in reply I have to state that I have instructed the contractor according to the tenor of your letter and also that jointing,etc.,where permitted at all,must be as nearly invisible as possible when finished and satisfactory in all respects.

Respectfully,

Superintendent.

Construction,

Mint Building,

Denver, Colo., March 29,1904.

Mr.J.K.Taylor,

Supervising Architect,

Treasury Department, Washington, D.C.

Sir:-

I am in receipt of your letter (initial J.C.P.) of the 28th instant,enclosing copy of Department letter of even date accepting the proposal of Mr.James A.McGonigle,in amount $150.,as an addition to his contract for the Completion(except certain vaults,plumbing,&c.) of the Mint Building in this city, to cover with asbestos the feeder conduits at ceiling of boiler room, vouchers for which work will be issued in accordance with instructions.

Respectfully,

Superintendent.

Construction,

Mint Building,

Denver, Colo., March 30, 1904.

Mr. J. K. Taylor,

Supervising Architect,

Treasury Department, Washington, D.C.

Sir:-

Following the line of instruction in your letter (initial S.) of October 28, 1903, relative to sale of flagging, sewer pipe, etc., I prepared specification and asked for bids for the sale of office building, fence, piping, etc., and in response have received the enclosed ten proposals (with certified checks, also enclosed), as per the enclosed synopsis of bids, and as the bid of G. W. Githens for the office building, in amount $90. is the highest and reasonable, the bid of D. Goldstein, in amounts $70., $151., $141 and $64. for the fence, sidewalk flagging, sewer pipe and scrap iron, respectively, is the highest for said items and reasonable, and the proposal of Hyman Lifshitz, in amount $5. for the cap stones is probably all that could be obtained for the same, I recommend that said bids be accepted. I enclose herewith a copy of the specification stating the conditions of sale, and as it is believed that a room in the building will be suitable for the Superintendent's office by May 1st, I think it likely that the Treasury office building and fence can be disposed of at that time.

It is stated by one of the bidders that Mr. Goldstein will probably not take the matter owing to the fact that his bids are much higher than

any of the others on several items, and in case I cannot induce him to take the full amount, I have to ask if I shall accept the second highest bid on said items.

Requesting instructions as to the disposition of the money to be received for said items, I am

Respectfully,

Superintendent.

Synopsis of Bids

For Supt's Office building, fence and old materials at the Mint Building

Denver, Colo.

Bids opened March 3, 1902

Name	Amt for Office Bldg.	Amt. for Fence	Amt. for Flagging	Amt for Piers, Frames &c.	Amt for Cap Stones, &c.	Amt. for Scrap Iron &c	Total	Check
Standard Iron & Metal Co			75.00	107.00		31.00		23.00
D. Goldstein	140.00	70.00	155.00	148.00		65.00		14.00
G W Githens	90.00							9.00
A. Goodstein							309.00	30.00
James Callier	25.00		12.50					1.50
H. Milstein				101.00		25.50		12.50
Hyaman Lifshitz	20.00	20.00	40.00	25.00	5.00	15.00		1.20
Denver Wrecking Co							300.00	30.00
D. P. Hadfield			50.00	50.00		25.00		12.00
Denver Metal Co.	10.00	15.00	20.00	17.20	2.50	16.70		8.00

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Construction,

Mint Building,

Denver, Colo., March 31,1904.

Mr.James A.McConigle,

Denver, Colorado.

Sir:-

I have to call your attention to the very slow work of furnishing and placing the marble under your contract of Completion,&c.,which marble work should all have been in place prior to this time. Your contract provides for the completion of the work by May 4th,next(about five weeks remaining) and that a forfeiture of $50.00 per day for each day's delay in completion after that time not caused by the Government, and as the delay in placing the marble work is in no way chargeable to the Government and not caused by delay of work under other contracts, it would seem necessary on your part to hasten the marble work in order to prevent the said forfeiture.

As you no doubt know, a large portion of the marble was not received at the building until a few weeks ago which was reported shipped about two months previous to its arrival,and apparently no effort was made to hasten its delivery, during which time there was practically no marble work being done at the building,waiting for marble, and now that the marble has been received there is but little work done in placing the same under the plea that marble setters cannot be obtained. It would seem therefore that the delay is largely due to lack of management

first, in securing the marble, and secondly, in preparing for setting the same upon its arrival, and as the Government desires to occupy the building as early as possible, I have to urgently demand that workmen be secured to put the marble in place at once and deliver and set the marble not yet received, as otherwise there can be no just plea made by you to the Department to induce the Secretary of the Treasury to remit the forfeiture.

Respectfully,

Superintendent.

Construction,

Mint Building,

Denver, Colo., March 31,1904.

Mr.James A.McConigle,

Denver, Colorado.

Sir:-

Referring to paragraph 1,page 39 of the specification for work under your contract of Completion,&c.,Mint Building in this city, which states "All exterior copperwork shall be given,in addition to any previous painting, three coats of white lead and linseed oil paint,tints as directed", the Supervising Architect,in letter of the 28th instant, states that said clause requires all exterior copper work under whatever contract placed, to be painted, and requests that I obtain from you a proposal for substituting an acid proof paint for the white lead and linseed oil paint as specified(three coats to be applied), and I have to request that two quarts of the paint you propose to use be furnished with your proposal to be forwarded to the Department for laboratory test.

Respectfully,

Superintendent.

Construction,

Mint Building,

Denver, Colo., March 31,1904.

Mr.J.K.Taylor,

Supervising Architect,

Treasury Department,Washington,D.C.

Sir:-

I am in receipt of your letter (initial J.C.P.) of the 28th instant regarding the painting of copper work at the Mint Building in this city, and requesting that I obtain from Mr.James A.McGonigle,contractor for the Completion(except certain vaults,plumbing,etc.) of said building, a proposal for substituting an acid proof paint for that required by the specification for his work and forward the same to your Office with two quarts of the proposed paint,for laboratory test,which instructions will be duly complied with.

Respectfully,

Superintendent.

Completed.	97% Completed.
97% "	35% "
None	Completed
80% Completed.	95% Completed
97% Completed.	15% "
Completed.	(Fireproof) Completed.
40% Completed.	80% Completed.
Completed.	30% "
80% "	85% "
	80% "

Work under G.Faith & Company's contract for the Mechanical Equipment, is progressing slowly as reported previously. Some plumbing fixtures have been placed, and the marble work of toilet rooms is being put in place. Two boilers have not been received, and there is no evidence, so far as we can ascertain, of their having been shipped from Brooklyn, New York. The concrete foundations for two boiler settings have been begun.

Work under James A.McGonigle's contract of Completion, &c., is progressing satisfactorily except the marble work which I have this day urged him to hasten. Considerable marble is on hand and not placed owing to failure to secure a sufficient number of marble setters.

Mechanics employed: 2 bricklayer, 1 carpenter, 5 marble setters, 2 electricians, 2 steam fitters, 3 plumbers and 30 laborers.

Respectfully,

Superintendent.

Construction,

Mint Building,

Denver, Colorado, April 2, 1904.

Mr. J. H. Taylor,

Supervising Architect,

Treasury Department, Washington, D.C.

Sir:-

In compliance with instructions in Department letter (initial F.B.W.) of February 5th, last, I have the honor to submit this my weekly report.

The work under S. Faith & Company's contract for the Mechanical Equipment of the Mint Building in this city, is being installed in accordance with the terms of the agreement.

36% of the plumbing, 30% of the heating and ventilating apparatus, 85% of the electric wiring and 80% of the elevators have been put in place.

The concrete work for two boilers is being put in place, some marble work is being done in attic toilet room and some heating and medium pressure steam piping is being installed.

Work under this contract still progresses very slowly, and I understand from the contractors' representative here that the remaining two boilers to be received, have not yet been shipped as had been reported. I would respectfully recommend that the contractors be urged to have said boilers shipped without further delay.

Respectfully,

Inspector, Heating, Hoisting & Ventilating Apparatus.

Forwarded through the Superintendent of Construction.

Construction,

Mint Building,

Denver, Colo., April 2nd, 1904.

Mr. J.K. Taylor,

Supervising Architect,

Treasury Department, Washington, D.C.

Sir:-

I am in receipt of your letter(initial L.A.S.) of the 30th ultimo directing me to turn over to Messrs. S. Faith & Company, contractors for the Mechanical Equipment of the Mint Building in this city, the sample switch approved September 24th, 1903, and sent to this office, which switch is to be shipped to Reading, Pennsylvania, by the contractors to be mounted on the switchboard, and in reply will state that I have turned said sample over to the representative of the said contractors and have placed upon the rear of the block to which the switch is secured, six crosses cut with an ax for identification, the said crosses being located one in the center of each space between the bolts which pass through the block.

Respectfully,

Superintendent.

Construction,

Mint Building,

Denver, Colo., April 4th,1904.

Mr.J.K.Taylor,

Supervising Architect,

Treasury Department, Washington, D.C.

Sir:-

I am in receipt of your letter (initial S.) of the 31st ultimo enclosing copy of Office letter of even date addressed to the Diebold Safe & Lock Company in relation to their contract for Burglar Proof Vaults,Mint Building in this city, and referring to the same I have to say that as it is desired to occupy a portion of this building by July 1st,next, it would seem that at least vaults A,,B,C,and D,and doors to same, should be placed at once and every effort made to hasten the contractors on the work of vaults E,F,G and M and the doors of vaults E,F and L with the hope of completing the same prior to datte of occupying any portion of the building.

Respectfully,

Superintendent.

Construction,

Mint Building,

Denver,Colo., April 5,1904.

Mr.J.K.Taylor,

Supervising Architect,

Treasury Department,Washington,D.C.

Sir:-

I am in receipt of your letter(initial P.) of the 2nd instant relative to voucher No.344,in amount $1600.00, in favor of S.Faith & Company, contractors for the Mechanical Equipment of the Mint Building in this city, which appears to have been mislaid or lost and not paid and instructing me to issue a new voucher and consider the original voucher canceled,also instructing me to confer with the Superintendent of the Mint to ascertain whether it is possible that said official paid the voucher without the Department being aware of the transaction,and in reply I have to state that the accounts of the Superintendent of the Mint show that said voucher was forwarded to your Office September 9,1903,having been received by him from the contractors in Philadelphia and he has no record of any payment having been made by him of said voucher. The records of this office show that said voucher No.344 was issued August 31st,1903,in payment for work done that month; that it was returned September 14th,1903,to this office by the Acting Chief Executive Officer of your Office with an endorsement of that date relative to an inaccuracy as to figures on the voucher,and that it was returned to Mr.J.A.Suther-

land, Acting Chief Executive Officer on September 18th, with an endorsement as to the correction of the error and making inquiry regarding the title of the appropriation; and furthermore, that letter(initial P.) of September 21st indicated that said voucher had been received in the office of the Acting Chief Executive Officer and instructions were given me relative to the title of the appropriation, so that the latest information concerning said voucher as shown by the records of this office is that the voucher was in your Office, but no evidence can be obtained here as to whether payment was actually made.

I have prepared an additional voucher under present date for the work covered by the last voucher in accordance with my interpreation of your letter, whereas, if a duplicate voucher had been made and dated August 31st, 1903, the charge made by the contractors in a recent letter to you that I had not paid them sufficient for the work performed would not be so justifiable as it appears now in making payment at this time for work done last August.

Messrs. S. Faith & Company have no representative here authorized to sign their vouchers, consequently I return the voucher to you, although unsigned by the contractors, as directed in your letter instead of forwarding the same to Philadelphia for signature before submitting to your Office, so that it will be necessary for you to transmit the voucher to S. Faith & Company for signature before presenting it to the Director of the Mint for payment.

Respectfully,

Superintendent.

Construction,

Mint Building,

Denver, Colo., April 6, 1904.

Messrs. S. Faith & Company,

Denver, Colorado.

Gentlemen:-

I have to request that you state the amount, in addition to your contract for the Mechanical Equipment of the Mint Building in this city, for which you will put in place the 4 inch cast iron drain pipe, near the east end of the driveway at the rear of said building, to drain the scale pit indicated on drawing # P-73 under your contract, extending from the point where the drain is located for said scale pit to the Y branch put in place under your contract where noted "4 inch plugged inlet for future connection". About twenty feet additional 4 inch cast iron pipe is now required, the same being referred to on said drawing (P-73) as "Drain from scale pit not included in this contract".

Respectfully,

Superintendent.

Construction,

Mint Building,

Denver, Colo., April 6,1904.

Mr.J.K.Taylor,

Supervising Architect,

Treasury Department, Washington, D.C.

Sir:-

In the matter of painting under Mr.James A.McGonigle's contract for the Completion(except certain vaults,plumbing,etc.) of the Mint Building in this city, I will say that I have been unable to ascertain from the specification whether the copperwork at the ceiling light in second story and ceiling of transfer room and coiner's room, in first story, should be painted, and I have to ask whether it is desired to have the said work painted or left the copper finish which will soon tarnish,as some of it has already done.

Respectfully,

Lee Cutting

Superintendent.

Construction,

Mint Building,

Denver, Colo., April 6,1904.

The Flour City Ornamental Iron Works,

Minneapolis, Minnesota.

Gentlemen:-

I am in receipt of your letter(by Mr.Fredk.Schilling,Secretary) of the 4th instant relative to trim for door C-2 on the room side of elevator No.2 which I had requested your workmen to make of cast iron and note your statement that the trim was changed to wood at the time the drawings were approved by the Supervising Architect, and in reply will state that I have re-examined the drawings for the iron work for your contract and find that the change is noted on said drawing as you state. This I had overlooked before,hence my instructions to your Mr.Rubbert and your workmen now in charge of the work, so that it was not my intention to order the work done in a different manner from that shown by the approved drawings.

Respectfully,

Superintendent.

Construction,

Mint Building,

Denver,Colo.,April 7,1904.

Mr.J.K.Taylor,

Supervising Architect,

Treasury Department,Washington, D.C.

Sir:-

In the matter of finishing joinery work under Mr.James A. McGonigle's Contract for the Completion(except certain vaults,plumbing,etc.) of the Mint Building in this city, the contractor informs me that Pratt & Lambert's No.61 varnish has been approved for said work and we have been unable to find a record of the same on the files here, so that it seems if this office was informed the letter has been mislaid, and I will thank you to inform me whether the contractor is correct.

Respectfully,

Superintendent.

Construction,

Mint Building,

Denver, Colo., April 7,1904.

Mr.J.K.Taylor,

Supervising Architect,

Treasury Department, Washington, D.C.

Sir:-

On drawing No.118 of the set included in Mr.James A.McGonigle's contract for the Completion(except certain vaults,plumbing,etc) of the Mint Building in this city, doorway C-11(being the north doorway to elevator No.2, first floor) the trim is indicated and noted cast iron on the room side, but cast iron trim has not been received for the same as the contractor refers to the note on shop drawing, sheet No.E-3,approved March 6,1903,which bears the note in pencil"Door C-11 to have wood trim on room side",which note I presume was made in your office and authorizes the substitution of wood trim for the cast iron trim at said doorway,notwithstanding the possibility of damage to wood trim and granolithic plinth by the trucks,etc. passing through said doorway.

Respectfully,

Superintendent.

Construction,

Mint Building,

Denver, Colo., April 7,1904.

Mr.J.K.Taylor,

Supervising Architect,

Treasury Department, Washington, D.C.

Sir:-

As the contractor is placing the concrete and paving of the driveway at the rear of the Mint Building in this city, and as the contract of Messrs.S.Faith & Company,for the Mechanical Equipment of said building, does not provide for running the drain pipe to the scale pit(lacking about 20 feet), I have asked said contractors to furnish a proposal for the said piping(a copy of my letter of the 6th instant being herewith enclosed), and in response I have received the enclosed proposal,in amount $20. which is deemed reasonable and I recommend its acceptance. Owing to the necessity of placing said piping before the concrete is put in place,the contractors have already put the same in place believing the proposal would be accepted,which prevents delay in the paving of the driveway.

I would have taken this matter up some time ago and had a proposal accepted prior to this date but I did not know how soon a contract would be made for the scale pit,etc., hence I have permitted the contractor to put the piping in place as a case of emergency.

Respectfully,

Superintendent.

Construction,

Mint Building,

Denver, Colo., April 7,1904.

Mr.J.K.Taylor,

Supervising Architect,

Treasury Department,Washington, D.C.

Sir:-

I am in receipt of your letter (initial J.C.P.) of the 2nd instant enclosing copy of Office letter of even date addressed to Mr. James A.McGonigle,informing him of the approval of certain hardware samples for use in connection with his contract for the Completion(except certain vaults,plumbing,etc.)of the Mint Building in this city, which samples have also been received and placed on file for reference during construction of the work.

Respectfully,

Leo Ellery

Superintendent.

Construction,

Mint Building,

Denver, Colo., April 8,1904.

Mr.J.K.Taylor,

Supervising Architect,

Treasury Department, Washington, D.C.

Sir:-

I am in receipt of your letter (initial G.W.D.) of the 5th instant,enclosing copy of Office letter of even date accepting the proposal of S.Faith & Company,contractors for the Mechanical Equipment of the Mint Building in this city, to substitute gauges manufactured by the American Steam Gauge and Valve Company in lieu of those manufactured by the Star Brass Manufacturing Company as specified in their contract, the same to be without additional expense to the Government.

Respectfully,

Superintendent.

Construction,

Mint Building,

Denver, Colo., April 8,1904.

Honorable L.M.Shaw,

Secretary of the Treasury,

Washington, D.C.

Sir:-

I am in receipt of your letter (initial F.) of the 4th instant informing me of the appointment of Mr.Frank M.Downer as Custodian of the U.S.Mint Building in this city,to take effect on the 15th instant, and instructing me to transfer the custody of said building,all books, papers and other Government property in my possession relating thereto, to him on that date and take his receipt therefore for transmission to the Department, which instructions will be duly complied with.

Respectfully,

Superintendent.

Construction,

Mint Building,

Denver, Colo., April 9,1904.

Mr.J.R.Taylor,

Supervising Architect,

Treasury Department, Washington, D.C.

Sir:-

In compliance with instructions in Department letter (initial F.R. W.) of February 5th,last,I have the honor to submit this my weekly report.

The work under Messrs.S.Paith & Company's contract for the Mechanical Equipment of the Mint Building in this city is being installed in accordance with the terms of the agreement.

35% of the plumbing,30% of the heating and ventilating apparatus, 88% of the electric wiring and 80% of the elevators have been put in place.

The concrete and brick work of foundations for two boiler settings have been put in place to basement floor line; the marble work in attic toilet room is nearly completed and about two thirds of the marble work in the basement toilet has been put in place. Two drums have been received for the boilers,but were rejected owing to the fact that they were not properly laid off.

No information has been received regarding the remaining two boilers yet to be received for this building,and the work generally under S.Paith & Company's contract progresses very slowly.

Respectfully,

Inspector,Heating,Hoisting & Ventilating Apparatus.

Forwarded through the Superintendent of Construction.

Construction,
Mint Building,
Denver, Colo., April 9,1904.

The Clonbrock Steam Boiler Company,
Brooklyn, New York.

Gentlemen:-

Referring to the boilers which you are to furnish to Messrs.S.Paith & Company of Philadelphia in connection with their contract for the Mechanical Equipment of the Mint Building in this city, I have to state that only two of the four boilers required have been received to this date, and I would thank you to inform me if the remaining two boilers have been shipped and if not, how soon it will be possible for you to forward them to this building.

Thanking you in advance for the information, I am

Respectfully,

Inspector, Heating, Hoisting
& Ventilating Apparatus.

Construction,

Mint Building,

Denver, Colo., April 9,1904.

Mr.J.K.Taylor,

Supervising Architect,

Treasury Department, Washington, D.C.

Sir:-

I am in receipt of your letter (initial S.) of the 6th instant enclosing Department letter of the 5th instant transferring me to U.S.Public Building at Helena, Montana, with reduction in compensation and directing me to leave for Helena on the 16th instant after having on the 15th instant forwarded to you a complete report in line with Section XL of "Printed Instructions to Superintendents", giving conditions of the work under the various contracts, itemizing all defects, omissions and uncompleted work, and in reply will state that notwithstanding the fact that the uncompleted work and the items of defects and omissions are very numerous, there being, in my opinion necessity for the services of a Superintendent of Construction for several months yet, I will endeavor to make report and itemize the statement as directed.

Respectfully,

Superintendent.

Construction,

Mint Building,

Denver, Colo., April 11, 1904.

Mr. J. K. Taylor,

Supervising Architect,

Treasury Department, Washington, D.C.

Sir:-

I am in receipt of your letter (initial F.B.W.) of the 6th instant enclosing office letter of even date addressed to Messrs. S. Faith & Company, contractors for the Mechanical Equipment of the Mint Building, in this city, advising them of the approval of Howard hose rack (figure 8) and unlined linen hose, samples of which have also been received and placed on file for reference during construction of the work.

Respectfully,

Superintendent.

Construction,

Mint Building,

Denver, Colo., April 11,1904.

Mr.J.K.Taylor,

Supervising Architect,

Treasury Department, Washington, D.C.

Sir:-

Referring to instructions in your letter (initial S.) of January 12th last,directing me to make inspection of iron work for the U.S.Public Building at Cheyenne,Wyoming,I have to inform you that I have this day inspected the structural work of iron stairs to extend from the second to third floor of said building,and find that the same has been constructed in accordance with the approved drawing,except that some nosings and returns of treads,the top of platform and base for newel post are quite rough,but the foreman at the shop promised to finish the whole work smooth and neat before shipment.

This completes the structural work of the stairs for said building, except the stairs from the basement to first floor which has not been gotten out. The work of balustrades,etc. of stairs and ornamental work of elevator enclosure have not progressed very far and no inspection of the same has yet been made.

Respectfully,

Superintendent.

Construction.

Mint Building,

Denver, Colo., April 12,1904.

Mr.J.K.Taylor,

Supervising Architect,

Treasury Department,Washington,D.C.

Sir:-

I have to request that one hundred blank vouchers,Form No.12, be sent me for use in connection with work on the Mint Building in this city under my charge.

Respectfully,

Superintendent.

Construction,

Mint Building,

Denver, Colo., April 12,1904.

Mr.J.K.Taylor,

Supervising Architect,

Treasury Department, Washington, D.C.

Sir:-

I am in receipt of your letter (initial J.C.P.) of the 9th instant enclosing copy of Office letter of even date requesting Messrs. S.Faith & Company, contractors for the Mechanical Equipment of the Mint Building in this city, to submit a proposal to substitute instruments made by the Western Electrical Company for those required by their contract in connection with the switchboard for this building, which letter has been placed on file.

Respectfully,

Lee Utley

Superintendent.

Construction,

Mint Building,

Denver, Colo., April 13,1904.

The Diebold Safe & Lock Company,

Canton, Ohio.

Gentlemen:-

I am in receipt of your letter of the 9th instant making inquiry relative to shipping fireproof vestibules and doors for certain vaults in the Mint Building in this city, and in reply will say that it is desired that the said vault doors will be in place and at least vault M completed prior to July 1st,next,at the latest date.

Respectfully,

Superintendent.

Construction,

Mint Building,

Denver, Colo., April 14,1904.

Mr. James A. McConigle,

Denver, Colorado.

Sir:-

I will thank you to state the amount you will deduct from the sum to be paid you under your contract for the Completion, &c., Mint Building in this city, for the omission of four handholes and covers in driveway near foot of posts at lamp standards called for in paragraph 7, page 2, of the specification for your work, also the omission of the wiring from fixtures to the handholes called for in the 8th paragraph on said page of the specification.

Respectfully,

Superintendent.

Construction,

Mint Building,

Denver, Colo., April 14,1908.

Messrs.S.Faith & Company,

Denver, Colorado.

Gentlemen:-

I will thank you to state the amount in addition to your contract for the Mechanical Equipment of the Mint Building in this city,for which you will put in place the conduits and wiring,as an extension of conduits and wiring under your contract, from near the foot of lamp standards at driveway entrances and to extend up to the top of said standards for lighting, the conduits and wire to be similar to that put in place under your contract for lighting said lamps.

Respectfully,

Superintendent.

Mint Building, Denver, Colorado.

April 16, 4.

Completed	Completed
97% Completed	60% Completed
None	Completed
90% Completed	95% "
97% "	15% "
Completed	(Fireproof) completed
40% Completed	90% Completed
Completed	50% Completed
80% Completed	85% Completed
	80% "

Work under Messrs.S.Faith & Company's contract is progressing more satisfactorily. Much marble, many plumbing fixtures and two boilers are being placed.

Work under Mr.James A.McDonigle's contract is progressing somewhat slowly as regards marble work and interior finish. It is understood that the joinery trim,etc.,has been shipped from St.Louis and expected here the beginning of next week. The contractor promises to employ a sufficient number of workmen to put the same in place promptly.

Mechanics employed: 1 bricklayer, 1 carpenter, 5 marble setters, 2 electricians, 2 steam fitters, 2 plumbers and 30 laborers.

Respectfully,

Superintendent.

Construction,

Mint Building,

Denver, Colo., April 16,1904.

Mr.J.K.Taylor,

Supervising Architect,

Treasury Department, Washington, D.C.

Sir:-

I forward to you this day, under separate cover, a sample of the cable for elevators under Messrs.B.Faith & Company's contract for the Mechanical Equipment of the Mint Building, in this city, the same being for test and to ascertain whether it complies with requirements in paragraph 947 of the specification for work under their contract.

Respectfully,

Superintendent.

Construction,
Mint Building,
Denver, Colo., April 15,1904.

Honorable L.M.Shaw,
Secretary of the Treasury,
Washington, D.C.

Sir:-

As directed in your letter (initial F.) of the 4th instant, I have transferred to Mr.Frank M.Downer,Assayer in Charge, U.S.Mint, in this city, the custody of the New Mint Building, all books,papers and other Government property in my possession relating thereto, and have taken his receipt therefor which is forwarded herewith.

Respectfully,

Superintendent.

Construction,

Mint Building,

Denver, Colo., April 15,1904.

Mr.J.K.Taylor,

Supervising Architect,

Treasury Department, Washington, D.C.

Sir:-

As drawing No.247-A,showing sweeps storage room for the Mint Building in this city, requires a 2 inch conduit to be run from back of switchboard,etc., I requested Messrs.S.F.Haith & Company,contractors for the Mechanical Equipment of said building to submit a proposal for furnishing and placing said conduit(a copy of my letter of the 26th ultimo being enclosed herewith), and in response have received the enclosed proposal,in amount $87.00,which is deemed reasonable in view of the length and size of the conduit and the difficulty in drilling and cutting the walls of the building, and I recommend its acceptance.

Respectfully,

Superintendent.

Construction,

Mint Building,

Denver, Colo., April 15th,1904.

Mr.J.K.Taylor,

Supervising Architect,

Treasury Department, Washington, D.C.

Sir:-

Complying with instructions in Office letter (initial S.) of the 6th instant,I have to make report of work in connection with the Mint Building in this city as follows:

The contract of Messrs.S.Faith & Company for Mechanical Equipment made August 21,1902,was to have been completed by February 28,1903. The delay has been referred to in almost each semi-monthly report written within the past year. Some delay prior to May 1,1903,was caused by the fact that changes of floor construction under interior finish contract had not been completed. The amount of said contract including all changes is $128,756.00, of which $90,451.00 is chargeable against the appropriation for Mint Building, $42,658.40 of which has been paid and $47,792.60 remains unpaid; and $38,305 chargeable against the Appropriation New Machinery,Mint at Denver, $9,105.60 has been paid and $29,199.40 remains unpaid.

The work under said contract is far from completion. The work thus far has generally been satisfactorily done. Some pipes, I am informed, were burst last November during my absence in Chicago,and it has been my intention to have test again made to discover the defects and have same

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remedied. The contract with Messrs.Faith & Company provides they shall remove old drain pipes,store the same and not re-use them. I found that the contractors had used about 35 feet of 6" pipe,about 20 feet of 3 inch pipe and a 6 inch clean out with removable cover, and I called the attention of the company's present representative to it. He told me that the foreman of plumbing stated that Mr.N.S.Thompson had given their previous representative permission to use it. I asked Mr.Thompson about it and he stated very reluctantly that he told them they could use it and he said he would see that the contractors did some other work not required by the contract to compensate the Government for the pipe. I told him it was better to pay for any extra work and not trade in that way. I then asked Faith & Company's representative to submit a proposition to the Government to make a deduction for the use of the pipe and if the proposition was accepted it would not be necessary for them to take out the pipe. He agreed to make a deduction of $35.00 on account of the pipe,but the proposal has not yet been handed to me.

A proposal from Messrs.Faith & Company for repairs to down pipes , roof gutters and connections of down pipes to roof gutters was accepted April 22nd,1903, and the work was completed and paid for in July,1903. It was at that time thought the work was tight, but recent snows have shown that leaks exist in either the gutters or connections at south down pipe on west end of the building and both down pipes on south side of the building. I called Faith & Company's representative's attention to the leaks and he has soldered up all leaks in the gutters they could find, but

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Nothing has been done in regard to connection of down pipes to roof gutters which it has been decided would not be disturbed if no further evidence of leaks is manifest. The plastering where stained will yet have to be repaired.

Marble work of toilet rooms is about three fourths done. Much of the material has not yet been received. Some connection angles and piping are not satisfactory, and floors of attic shower baths not properly graded. Some edges of the marble work have been chipped where visible.

Covers of pipe trenches are not lapped, as required but the contractors' representative has promised to remedy this.

The electric light outlets beneath cornice at second story ceiling light were about an inch and a half too high. The electrician stated that Mr.N.S.Thompson and Mr.E.W.Roberts located the outlets for him and he insisted that they should be paid for changing them. I required him to make the changes,which have nearly all been done. I do not know whether a charge will be made or not.

The contract of Mr.James A.McGonigle for Completion(except certain vaults,plumbing,etc.) of the Mint Building, dated August 25,1902, to be completed within twenty months from September 4,1902,or prior to May 4, 1904, is in amount(including all changes) $234,517.80, of which amount $181,018.80 has been paid, leaving $53,499.00 unpaid.

The work would likely have been completed on contract time but for delays due to backward condition of work under contract for Mechanical Equipment, and some delay in getting marble work and wood trim which will not likely delay the work beyond a few weeks after contract time at most.

The character of the work has been generally satisfactory,but some

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defects exist,as follows:

Plastering is discolored by stains from terra cotta blocks in some attic and second story rooms,and some in second story ceilings from water on attic floor, also in southwest rooms from water from down spout. Plaster cornice in basement corridor not straight. Finish coat of plastering not yet put on in basement(except in three rooms), and in portions of first story corridor. Walls,etc.,of dormers in attic and main stair well from first to mezzanine floor not yet plastered. First story corridor ceiling blackened by smoke, and no plaster ornaments have yet been received for placing. No plastering yet done in well room,gas generating room,etc., east of the basement. Brick arches and finish not yet placed over extension to coal vault,ash room,gas generating room,well room and blower room. Paving of driveway is now being done. Exterior window frames set and sash hung, but no other wood finish placed. No interior wood frames for doors or windows and no wood trim of doors or windows yet received.

Marble for corridors,etc., not all here, and only about one fourth remains to be set. Considerable rubbing and polishing must be done where edges are chipped and where abutting ends do not conform to each other.

Louvres on vent stacks, above roof have not been placed(except one), the castings for the four smaller vents were too short and new portions have been ordered.

Some glass yet required to complete the three small skylights on roof slopes,and some changes are required in condensation gutters of main

skylight to stop leaks.

Some cement floors in attic unsatisfactory(finish coat did not adhere to concrete base), and some at an attic doorway to be re-laid. The floor in pit under storage vault in basement is unsatisfactory, the finish coat having failed to adhere and cement plastering of walls of said pit must be done.

Granolithic floor in basement corridor and floors at foot of stairs at subbasement floor landing have not been placed; floor at basement floor landing of east rear stairs is unsatisfactory. The top must be taken up and relaid and part of the soffit cut off to straighten the ceiling of passageway between the boiler room and the heater room in sub-basement. Granolithic floor in coining room over boiler room, in whitening room in first story, in second story rear corridor have not been placed and no terrazzo floors have been placed owing to the fact that mosaic and marble borders have not been received for corridors and hangers through first floor for boiler room piping have not been placed. The magnabestos blocks in coining room floor have been placed, but, plaster coat, asbestos paper and granolithic finish have been deferred until the boiler room pipe-hangers have been placed.

No work in connection with the sweeps storage room, west of the building(except excavation) has yet been done.

Some stonework in basement wall and area wall at east end of the building is broken, due to construction of extension to coal vault, and must be repaired.

The joints of stone work at new exterior doorway to basement corridor must be repaired and pointed up.

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Some cast iron covers for top of coal vault have not been fitted with proper hinges.

Cast iron thresholds have not been furnished for two rear doorways.

Lamp standards not fitted with lamp sockets or glass.

Open joints of linings of vaults B-C, H,K and L need filling with iron filings and salamoniac before painting.

Some register faces delivered are not of same design as others and are to be changed.

Marble columns for second story beneath ceiling light have been ordered 9'11 1/2", the sub-contractors having taken measurements before plaster finish of girders was applied, whereas the proper length to suit the finish which is now on should be 9'11 1/2". I took measurement with contractor's foreman and marble man before the plaster finish was applied and showed them that the columns 9'-11-1/2" could be placed(wthin 1/2" of the length indicated on drawing No.116).

No iron work in place has had paint finish yet applied.

Gutters along retaining walls not constructed and grading not done, owing to conditions of excavation at oil tanks and work at the sweeps storage room.

The contract of the Diebold Safe & Lock Company for Vaults, Vault Doors and Work Incidental Thereto, in amount $66,000.00, dated December 1, 1902, to be completed within eighteen months from December 15, 1902, or prior to June 15th, 1904, will not likely be completed within the contract time as no work here on said contract has been done except re-inforcing

Mr. J. K. Taylor, Secretary

floors of vaults E, F, G and M, which is small and no payment has been made on said work. Letters of February 12, 1904 to the contractors, and March 5th, 1904, to the Office, called attention to the delay in progress of the work and urged more rigorous efforts towards completion.

Respectfully,

Lee Whitney

Superintendent.

Construction,

Mint Building,

Denver, Colo., April 18,1904.

The Supervising Architect,

Treasury Department, Washington, D.C.

Sir:-

In compliance with Department instructions of April 2nd,1904(initial F.B.W.),I have visited the United States Mint (new) at Denver,Colorado,and have made an examination of the work installed to date in connection with the Mechanical Equipment(except engines and generators)under contract with S.Faith & Co. of Philadelphia,Pa.

I also made investigation as to the delay being caused by this and other contracts,and the general prospects of more vigorous action on the part of the contractors and the early completion of the work.

The mechanical equipment work has undoubtedly been the cause of delay of certain parts of the general contract,and is still preventing work being done in some directions; but the work delayed at present need not cause delay in completion of the building,if materials arrive promptly and the work is pushed.

While the general contract work prevents to a limited extent completion of the mechanical equipment in certain particulars,these delays will not affect materially the time of final completion of the latter contract.

The delay in receipt of boilers(only two being yet at the building), and in receipt of the indirect heaters and air supply fans has prevented

some work in the basement being done, and this,and the failure of the Mint authorities making inspection of oil tanks is delaying some work of the approaches. The delay in receipt of ventilating fans has caused some parts of the attic to be left unfinished for the present.

The marble work under both the general contract and mechanical equipment contract has caused delays to both of said contracts. This work for both contracts is under the same sub-contractor,and while considerable marble is now on hand,set and being set,other work in both contracts is being delayed. The marble has been slow both in shipment and in transit,and has been shipped in such manner as to prevent the completion of the work at any one point,and just now an insufficient number of marble setters ars available.

I can state,however, that at this time conditions have improved in every way under both contracts,and that there is every indication that the work throughout will now progress rapidly and harmoniously until completion.

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The work that has been executed under the mechanical equipment contract has been done in accordance with the contract,except in a few instances which were called to my attention by the Superintendent and Inspector,and the Superintendent is now having the corrections made and making adjustment of the necessary deviations. These items are as follows:

1. Several tubes of the boilers have been bent while in transit; they will be taken out when the boilers are set up and new tubes put in

their place.

2. Some of the vent ducts have wide surfaces that are not braced with angle irons; this bracing will be placed.

3. Drip pipe from exhaust head above roof has been omitted; this will be put in and connected to drip from bottom of exhaust pipe.

4. The economizer is constructed and set so that connections cannot be made to permit of one half being used for heating house water, and to attempt to make changes to accomplish this result would cause objectionable conditions in other respects; so I recommend that the economizer remain as at present and have connections made so that it can be used for either heating feed water or for heating house water,the entire economizer being used for one purpose at a time. The Superintendent will obtain proposals for this change and forward.

5. Some of the old cast iron drain pipe removed from the first system,the property of the Government,has been used for pipe sleeves in the wall; the Superintendent will obtain a proposal for deduction on this account and forward.

6. The conduit,wire and junction boxes at outside standards have been omitted from the general contract,and the conduit and wire of mechanical equipment contract has been extended from location of junction boxes up into the standards; this change is an improvement and the contractors have been requested by the Superintendent to submit proposals for the changes which will be forwarded when received.

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The Supervising Aechitect----------4

The general condition of work under the various sections of the mechanical equipment contract is as follows:

SECTION I. Plumbing and Gas Piping and Finish of Toilet Rooms.

All cast iron,wrought iron,earthenware and lead lined drain,soil waste,vent,water,fire and gas pipes are roughed in complete,except as to a few very minor matters.

The catch basins,cesspools,floor drains and the waste water tanks and covers are in place complete.

Wall hydrants and hose connections are in place.

The marble work of toilet rooms is now about 75% complete,together with about the same proportion of nickel plated bracing,etc.

A few of the plumbing fixtures in basement and large attic toilet rooms have been set,but generally are not connected to the water and waste piping.

Toilet room floors where terrazzo is called for have not been laid but the cement floors in basement and attic toilet room are in place.

Woodwork under plumbing has not been placed.

Registers in toilet rooms all set where marble is in place.

The marble work and flooring of toilet rooms is expected to be completed very soon,which will be followed immediately with the setting and connecting of fixtures and placing of woodwork. All the plumbing fixtures except stone sinks and wash bowls are now on hand.

This section of the work is estimated to be 60% completed.

SECTION II. Steam Power Plant, &c.

The high pressure steam drum is now being erected and the small

high pressure and practically all the medium pressure steam piping is in place. The main exhaust pipe is in place from heater to roof with exhaust head also in place,and exhaust pipe is in place from draft fan engine. Practically no drain piping and very little drip piping is installed. No blow-off piping is in place,but the vapor pipes from blow-off tank and drip tank are in place to roof. The water piping under this section of the specification has not been run.

Two of the steam boilers are now in the building and being erected, the columns,girders and foundations for these two being in place. Portions of the other two boilers are now being delivered at the building, and the remaining portions have been shipped. A member of the contracting firm,who is now here,states that the trouble and delay in getting the boilers was caused by the failure of boiler manufacturer,making it necessary to take action through the courts to secure possession of and to complete the boilers. The Hawley furnaces are not yet at the building,but reported to be in transit. Boiler fronts not yet received at the building.

The smoke stack and smoke header are in place,but the breeching can not be placed until boiler settings are started. The draft fan and its engine are in place,complete,and connected to smoke header and to the piping.

The economizer is in place complete,except its operating motor. The motor is at the building. As previously stated, the connections to economizer will have to be made differently from what is shown and called for, proposals for which will be forwarded by the Superintendent.

The platform over smoke header,etc.,coal scales,boiler trimmings,etc.

cannot be placed until other work is further advanced. The ash hoist is in place and practically complete, except the placing and connecting of motor. The motor is at the building.

The boiler feed pumps are set up complete and connected, except to the exhaust and drip mains. The two house pumps are set on their foundations, but the motors are not yet set and no piping is in place. The air compressors are ready to be placed on their foundations.

The pressure tank for house water supply and the air storage tank are in place on their foundations, but no connections made therefrom. The fresh water storage tank is not built, though arrangements are now being made for its construction, as the artesian well is now completed to its proper depth.

The drip tank is in place complete, except its cover, which is ready to place. The centrifugal pump and motor for drip tank are not yet at the building. The blow-off tank is in place and connection therefrom made to sewer and to vapor pipe.

The medium pressure separators are in place and the high pressure separators will be placed when their steam main is erected. The pressure reducing valves and the back pressure valves are in place, but drip pot is not in place, and no steam traps or drips are in place.

The open feed water heater is in place and partly connected. The hot water storage heater is not in place, or at the building.

The pipe trenches under this section are only partly formed and the iron work of same is not placed and cannot be set or the trenches completed until other work is further advanced.

The Supervising Architect ----------

This section of the work is now coming along very well,and the appliances and auxiliaries are being received and the work generally is being pushed.

The estimated amount of work under this section now in place is 42-1/2%.

SECTION III. Heating and Ventilating Apparatus.

The Webster Vacuum System has been approved for this work,and the pumps therefor are set on their foundations,but no connections made therefrom.

All the low pressure steam piping is in place except connections for the air heating coils, and all return piping above the basement is in place complete.

The direct radiators are all in the building,and,except in a few instances, are connected up in their permanent positions. The indirect or air heating coils are not on hand, but are reported to be in transit with the fans and motors.

The pipe trenches with their border plates are generally in place where called for under this section, and a small amount of the cover plates are in place but not finally fitted.

The air filters,cone fan,suction and force chambers,dampers,etc., have not been placed or any work done in the building in connection therewith.

None of the disc fans,the exhauster or their motors are at the building,but they are expected shortly,having been shipped about the 1st instant.

All galvanized iron air and vent ducts are in place,except some work

at the various fan chambers and at entrance to the large vault. As noted hereinbefore, some additional bracing of ducts has to be done.

The acid fume pipe ducts are in place.

This section of the work is as far advanced as practicable until the arrival of heater coils,fans,etc., and upon their arrival there is nothing to prevent the rapid prosecution of the work,which the contractors have promised to have done.

The amount of work completed under this section is estimated to be 65%.

SECTION IV. Switchboard.

No work in connection with the switchboard has been done at the building.

SECTION V. Electric Conduit and Wiring System.

All conduit is in place except some in connection with boiler ,coal pump and gas generating rooms and this part cannot be done until certain construction work is in place.

About 60% of the feeders have been pulled in the conduits and also about 90% of the tap circuit wires have been pulled in. The delay in laying terrazzo floors prevents pulling in of some of the circuits.

The various outlet and other boxes,floor and wall boxes in connection with conduit work in place have been installed.

The conduits for breakdown service and for outside lights are in place,and wires in place to the outside lights. The extension of conduits and wires for outside lights up into the fixtures is mentioned hereinbefore as requiring adjustment.

All the cabinets for distribution tablets are in place,and the tablets for same are at the building together with most of the fronts for same.

All conduit and boxes are in place for telephone,clock and fire alarm systems, and also other special conduits called for.

The work is as far advanced as is possible and has caused very little and is now causing no delay whatever in the other work.

It is estimated that 90% of this section of the work is completed.

SECTION VI. Electric Elevators.

The three elevator machines are in place complete,and also the overhead work.

The guides are complete in one shaft,but not commenced in the other two shafts.

The elevator cages and cars are not at the building.

All the cables for this work are at the building,and a sample has been sent to the office for analysis to determine as to its complying with the specification before same are strung.

This work is well advanced and there is nothing to prevent its early completion, the estimated amount now completed is 80%.

SECTION VII. Non-Conducting Coverings.

No non-conducting coverings have been placed, and no approved samples have been received at the building.

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The contractor for mechanical equipment realizes the importance of

pushing this work,and as all important appliances and materials,except switchboard,are now at the building or in transit, I see no reason why this work cannot be completed in a reasonable short time and the work so prosecuted as to cause very little delay to work under the general contract.

Respectfully submitted,

C. Barnard Dalzell

Assistant Chief Mechanical and
Electrical Engineer.

Construction,

Mint Building,

Denver, Colo., April 16, 1904.

Mr. J. K. Taylor,

Supervising Architect,

Treasury Department, Washington, D.C.

Sir:-

In compliance with instructions in Department letter (initial F. B.W.) of February 5th, last, I have the honor to submit this my weekly report.

The work under Messrs. S. Faith & Company's contract of Mechanical Equipment is being installed in accordance with the terms of the agreement.

60% of the plumbing, 50% of the heating and ventilating apparatus, 65% of the electric wiring and 80% of the elevators have been put in place.

About 75% of the marble work of toilet rooms has been put in place; urinals are in place, but not connected, and the fixtures of shower baths have been installed. Work has begun in placing the high pressure steam piping; the drums of two boilers are in place, and a portion of the last two boilers has been received. The vacuum and feed pumps are partially connected. A member of the firm of Faith & Co. has arrived in the city and indications are that the progress of work will be more satisfactory from now on.

Respectfully,

Inspector, Heating, Hoisting & Ventilating Apparatus.

Forwarded through the Superintendent of Construction.

Construction,

Mint Building,

Denver, Colo., April 16,1904.

Mr.J.K.Taylor,

Supervising Architect,

Treasury Department,Washington,D.C.

Sir:-

I am in receipt of your letter (initial F.B.W.) of the 13th instant in reference to the trim of Door C-11 to be supplied under Mr.James A.McGonigle's contract for the Completion(except certain vaults,plumbing,etc.),Mint Building,in this city, and informing me that approved shop drawing No.E-3,modified by pencil note quoted in my letter to you of the 7th instant, is to govern, and in reply I have to state that the work will be directed accordingly.

Respectfully,

Superintendent.

Construction,

Mint Building,

Denver, Colo., April 18,1904.

Mr.J.K.Taylor,

Supervising Architect,

Treasury Department,Washington, D.C.

Sir:-

I am in receipt of your letter (initial G.W.D.) of the 14th instant enclosing copy of Department letter of even date accepting the proposal of S.Faith & Company,in amount $20.oo,to place a 4" cast iron drain pipe to drain the scale pit indicated on drawing No.P-73,as an addition to their contract for the Mechanical Equipment of the Mint Building in this city, vouchers for which work will be issued in accordance with instructions.

Respectfully,

Leo Ullery

Superintendent.

Construction,

Mint Building,

Denver, Colo., April 18, 1904.

Mr. J. K. Taylor,

Supervising Architect,

Treasury Department, Washington, D.C.

Sir:-

I am in receipt of your letter (initial F.B.W.) of the 14th instant enclosing copy of Office letter of even date addressed to Messrs. S. Faith & Company advising them of the approval of self-closing faucet for use under their contract of Mechanical Equipment, Mint Building, in this city, and note the modification in regard to couplings. An approved sample has also been received and placed on file for reference during construction of the work.

Respectfully,

Lee Gillespy

Superintendent.

Construction,

Mint Building,

Denver, Colo., April 19, 1904.

Mr. J. K. Taylor,

Supervising Architect,

Treasury Department, Washington, D.C.

Sir:-

I am in receipt of your letter (initial G.W.D.) of the 16th instant relative to painting copper work at ceiling light in second story and ceiling of transfer room and coiner's room in first story of the Mint Building in this city, and directing me to have the material left without painting, the same not being required by existing contract, which directions will be complied with.

Respectfully,

Superintendent.

Construction,

Mint Building,

Denver, Colo., April 20,1904.

Honorable L.M.Shaw,

Secretary of the Treasury,

Washington, D.C.

Sir:-

I am in receipt of your letter (initial F.) of the 16th instant revoking letter of the 5th instant detailing me for duty on the Public Building at Helena,Montana, and continuing my services on the Mint Building in this city,until further orders,with compensation at the rate of $2190.00 per annum from the 16th instant.

Respectfully,

Superintendent.

Construction,

Mint Building,

Denver, Colo., April 22,1904.

Mr.D.Goldstein,

1240 Larimer Street,

Denver, Colorado.

Sir:-

I have to inform you that your proposal for the purchase of the fence enclosing the Mint site, stone flagging, cast iron soil pipe and clean out covers and wrought iron grilles and beams, channels,etc.,in amounts,respectively, $70.00, $155.00, $148.00 and $65.00, has been accepted, and you are requested to have the same removed from the premises of this building at your earliest convenience,with the exception of the fence enclosing the site,notice for the removal of which will be sent you later as stated in the specification for the sale of old materials at this building.

Respectfully,

Wm. Ellery

Superintendent.

Construction,

Mint Building,

Denver, Colo., April 22,1904.

Mr.G.W.Githens,

218 Fifteenth Street,

Denver, Colorado.

Sir:-

I have to inform you that your proposal,in amount Ninety Dollars ($90.00),for the purchase of the temporary office at the Mint Building in this city, has been accepted, and you will be notified at a later date when the same can be removed,as stated in the specification for the sale of old materials at this building.

Respectfully,

Superintendent.

Construction,

Mint Building,

Denver, Colo., April 22,1904.

Mr.Hyman Lifshitz,

1336 Evans Street,

Denver, Colorado.

Sir:-

I have to inform you that your proposal,in amount Five Dollars ($5.00),for the purchase of manhole cap stones and cast iron covers for same,has been accepted by the Treasury Department, and you are requested to have same removed from the premises of the Mint site at your earliest convenience.

Respectfully,

Superintendent.

Construction,

Mint Building,

Denver, Colo., April 22,1904.

Honorable C.H.Keep,

Acting Secretary,

Treasury Department, Washington, D.C.

Sir:-

I am in receipt of your letter (initial F.) of the 19th instant accepting the proposal of D.Goldstein, G.W.Githens and Hyman Lifshitz for the purchase of certain old material at the Mint Building in this city,and enclosing copies of said proposals, also directing me to secure payment of the purchase money before removal of the old materials and deposit the same with the nearest United States Depository to the credit of the Treasurer of the United States on account of "Proposals for sale of miscellaneous materials",&c., which instructions will be complied with.

Respectfully,

Superintendent.

Construction,

Mint Building,

Denver, Colo., April 22,1904.

Honorable L.M.Shaw,

Secretary of the Treasury,

Washington, D.C.

Sir:-

I am in receipt of your letter (initial F.) of the 18th instant revoking Department letter of the 4th instant,directing me to transfer the custody of the U.S.Mint Building in this city to Frank M.Downer,Assayer in Charge of the U.S.Mint,on the 15th instant.

Respectfully,

Superintendent.

Construction,

Mint Building,

Denver, Colo., April 22,1904.

Mr.J.K.Taylor,

Supervising Architect,

Treasury Department, Washington, D.C.

Sir:-

I am in receipt of your letter (initial L.A.S.) of the 19th instant enclosing copy of Office letter of even date addressed to Mr. James A.McGonigle,contractor for the Completion(except certain vaults, plumbing,etc.)Mint Building in this city, together with one print each of shop drawings Nos.270 and 271,showing doors,grilles,etc,for the Sweeps Storage Room under said contract, which drawings have been placed on file for reference during construction of the work.

Respectfully,

Superintendent.

Construction,

Mint Building,

Denver, Colo., April 22,1904.

Mr.J.K.Taylor,

Supervising Architect,

Treasury Department, Washington, D.C.

Sir:-

I enclose herewith a communication from Mr.C.Anderson,foreman for Mr.James A.McConigle,contractor for the Completion(except certain vaults, plumbing,etc.)Mint Building in this city, relative to the cast iron doors in sidewalk for access to the proposed sweeps storage room,and concerning the same will say that I have had a conversation with a representative of the Board of Public Works of this city and he informs me that the statement made in the enclosed letter, that the Supreme Court of Colorado has forbidden the Board issuing a permit for excavation under the sidewalk, is correct; but he states that the Board of Public Works will not prevent the excavation if we desire it, and yet it would seem advisable,in view of the Supreme Court's decision, to make other arrangements, and I have therefore to recommend that the contractor be permitted to make the excavation under the driveway near the west entrance to the same, and place the cast iron doors,etc., as proposed in his letter without additional expense to the Government.

Respectfully,

Superintendent.

Construction,

Mint Building,

Denver, Colorado, April 22,1904.

Mr.J.K.Taylor,

Supervising Architect,

Treasury Department, Washington, D.C.

Sir:-

In compliance with instructions of April 7th,1904, directing me to make examination of the elevator at the U.S.Court House and Post Office building in this city,and prepare specifications and submit them to the Custodian to procure bids, I have to inform you that said examination has been made and your instructions complied with, a copy of the specification being enclosed herewith.

Upon examination of the elevator I found the cables in bad condition and recommend that a new set of cables be furnished and put in place. I do not concur in the recommendation of the Chief Engineer for boring out the cylinder as I found no leak. The repairs to the air injector I do not consider necessary as the present one is in as good working order as it ever was.

Enclosed you will find the papers submitted to me with request for their return.

Respectfully,

Inspector,Heating,Hoisting and Ventilating Apparatus.

Construction,

Mint Building,

Denver, Colo., April 23,1904.

Mr.J.K.Taylor,

Supervising Architect,

Treasury Department,Washington,D.C.

Sir:-

In compliance with instructions in Department letter(initial F.B.W.) of February 5th,last,I have the honor to submit this my weekly report.

The work under Messrs.S.Faith & Company contract of Mechanical Equipment is being installed in accordance with the terms of the agreement.

62% of the plumbing, 65% of the heating and ventilating apparatus, 85% of the electric wiring and 80% of the elevators have been put in place.

All plumbing fixtures are now in the building and some have been placed in the lavatories,and all fixtures can be placed as soon as the floors and marble slabs have been installed. A portion of the pipes have been connected to the air compresor tank and surge tank. One air compressor has been placed with motor attached, and all high pressure stean piping installed,but not yet connected to the boilers.

Respectfully,

W. O. Saville.

Inspector,Heating,Hoisting and Ventilating Apparatus.

Forwarded through the Superintendent of Construction.

Lieut Colburn

Construction,

Mint Building,

Denver, Colo., April 26,1904.

Mr.J.K.Taylor,

Supervising Architect,

Treasury Department, Washington, D.C.

Sir:-

I return herewith the letter of Mr.J.C.Craig,President of the Citizens' Alliance of this city,together with affidavit of Mr.Fitting a sub-contractor for some work under The Diebold Safe & Lock Company's contract for Vaults,Vault Doors,&c., for the Mint Building in this city, also affidavits of Mr.Craig and his attorney,relative to a controversy between workmen at the building, some of whom it appears were union men and some were non-union men.

This matter was reported to you in my letter of March 5th,last. You,no doubt, understand that there is a strong fight in this city between the unions and the Citizens' Alliance,and the contest is so bitter that I believe neither the unions nor the Citizens' Alliance can be fair. The affidavits referred to show conclusively that the Alliance cannot. Many of the statements made are untrue and others are misleading. The statement by Jacob Fitting,Jr., that I requested him to cease work for the reason they were not members of the Structural Iron Workers Union is false,as I told him some workmen had made complaint against them, and I then urged him to hurry the work as much

as possible in the hope that they might possibly complete it before serious trouble arose. The statement by Mr.Craig that I said I would allow no person to work on this contract other than members of the Structural Iron Workers Union is absolutely false. I always told them that the work must be performed in such a manner as not to interfere with work under other contracts, which was my only demand. The false statements referred to serve to show the unfair and untrue statements generally made in the affidavits. They want you to think I have knowingly permitted "walking delegates" to go through the building and demand that workmen show union cards, while such is absolutely untrue. I never knowingly permitted a walking delegate to enter the building, nor any one else not employed in the building, unless on business with a contractor. I invariably ordered the union representatives out of the building in a hurry as soon as I could learn that they were in it. I did so twice when Mr.Fitting's boys told me that some union men had been interfering with them. I found the men and sent them out of the building and forbid them entering it again. This Mr.Fitting,Jr. knows, but he is not fair enough to so state it in his affidavit but makes a false statement instead. The boys worked, I think,eight days in the building before the other workmen refused to continue working with them. During all of that time there was trouble threatened,and I told the boys nearly every day to hurry their work and increase the number of workmen,so they might possibly finish before a general strike was ordered. The parties in their affidavits are not fair enough to state this,but wish to make it appear that I would not allow them to

work at all because they were not union men.

The specification for the vault work under The Diebold Safe & Lock Compny's contract, paragraph 2, page 5, states "The work must be executed in such a manner as in the judgment of the Superintendent of the building will interfere the least with the operations of other contractors in the building and yet prosecuted with all reasonable speed." I therefore told the boys(two of whom I understand were Mr. Fittings sons) and told Mr.Fitting and Mr.Garretson(who is the local representative of the Diebold Safe & Lock Company) that if trouble came because of the boys working there that I would have to let the boys go, as keeping them would be interfering with the work under other contracts, and I told Mr.Fitting and Mr.Garretson that I would have to pursue such a course as would secure the greatest progress of work on the building. Mr.Garretson seemed to agree with me and told Mr.Fitting to proceed with the work as rapidly as possible and when the other workmen refused to work with his boys, if they did, Mr.Fitting was to emply other men and he(Mr.Garretson) would pay the difference in wages if there was any. Mr.Fitting agreed to this, but when the trouble came Mr.Fitting refused to employ other men, and it seems that the Citizens' Alliance induced him to break his agreement.

When the trouble came Mr.Anderson(foreman for Mr.McGonigle) told me that his men would not work if the boys remained at work in the building, and Mr.Metzger(representative here of Faith & Company) also told me his men would not work either and that they could not proceed

Mr. J. H. Whitehead

with their work if the boys stayed, so that as the presence of the four boys interfered with the work under both the other contracts, I told the boys they would have to go. I wish to state that I did not send them away because they were not union men (as I had several reports that some or all of them belonged to some unions. Mr. Fitting himself so stated to me), but I sent them away because having the work done by them interfered with the progress of work under other contracts. Furthermore, as there were only four of the boys and more than thirty of the other men, I pursued the course that would secure the greatest progress of work on the building and as provided in the specification forming part of The Diebold Safe & Lock Company's contract.

I asked Mr. Anderson and Mr. Metzger to give me statements in writing concerning the interference with their work of which both had complained, and on March 4th they furnished me statements which were forwarded to you with my letter of March 5th, showing that their work would be stopped if any non-union workmen were employed in the building, and that they could not proceed with non-union men, so that I thought then and think now that I did right in sending away the workmen who interfered with the work under other contracts.

I know no union man as such, and have never asked a man to show a union workman's card. I have endeavored in every way to pursue such a course as will lean neither toward the Citizens' Alliance nor the labor unions, but with the sole aim of best advancing the Government's interests, acting fairly and impartially, taking no part in any labor contro-

Mr. J. K. Taylor [illegible]

versy, requiring the work to be performed in such a manner as the contract provides, neither helping the Alliance in its fight against the unions nor helping the unions fight the Alliance. I so explained my position to the attorney for the Alliance and told him it was my duty to pursue the course that would secure the greatest progress of the work on the building, as we wanted to complete it soon. It is this he refers to in his affidavit by saying that I claimed I was under instructions to complete the building as expeditiously as possible. I told him and Mr. Craig that I did not care whether workmen at the building belonged to unions or not, but told them I only insisted that work be so performed as not to interfere with the work under other contracts, as the contract provided. The work included in Mr. Fitting's contract has been completed and has permitted other work to proceed continuously, but I do not know whether or not any of the men who worked on the completion were union workmen. I only know that it is satisfactory to me and that it did not interefere with work under other contracts.

Believing that I was right and just to all contractors and that I did my duty in the interest of the Government, as a strike of more or less duration was certainly averted by the course I pursued, I am

Respectfully,

Superintendent.

Construction,

Mint Building,

Denver, Colo., April 26,1904.

Mr.J.K.Taylor,

Supervising Architect,

Treasury Department, Washington, D.C.

Sir:-

I am in receipt of your letter (initial F.) of the 23rd instant enclosing copy of report,dated the 18th instant, as the result of an examination of work under Messrs.S.Faith & Company's contract for the Mechanical Equipment of the Mint Building in this city,which report has been read and placed on file.

Respectfully,

Superintendent.

Construction,

Mint Building,

Denver, Colo., April 28,1904.

Mr.J.K.Taylor,

Supervising Architect,

Treasury Department,Washington, D.C.

Sir:-

Referring to paragraphs Nos.351 and 352 of the specification for the Mechanical Equipment(except engines and generators)for the Mint Building in this city,which requires plates and coupons for boilers to be stamped by.the inspector and the inspector's stamp and mill serial number to be placed on the plates so that they may be seen after the boilers are assembled and installed, I have to ask for information concerning said stamps in order that we may ascertain whether the plates actually used and in the boilers delivered are the ones inspected and approved.

Respectfully,

Superintendent.

Construction,

Mint Building,

Denver, Colo., April 28,1904.

Mr.J.K.Taylor,

Supervising Architect,

Treasury Department,Washington, D.C.

Sir:-

In the matter of inspecting the ornamental iron work of stairs and elevator enclosure for the U.S.Public Building,Cheyenne,Wyoming, as directed in Officeletter(initial S.) of January 12th,last, I have to inform you that the Denver Iron and Wire Works Company,who are doing the shop work,called my attention to the length of the 1/2"x 1/2" bars of the elevator enclosure above first floor,a small section of which work has been constructed,and as the bars are without latteral braces they are quite springy. I have to ask therefore whether it would not be advisable to have some scroll work or latteral braces on said bars about the middle of their height.

I directed the said company to continue manufacturing their work according to the drawings and stated that I would call your attention to the matter and request that you advise the contractor at once if you decide to have the said work re-enforced.

Respectfully,

W. Slater

Superintendent.

Construction,

Mint Building,

Denver, Colo., April 29,1904.

Mr. J.K.Taylor,

Supervising Architect,

Treasury Department, Washington, D.C.

Sir:-

Referring to the length of the four marble columns in the second story of the Mint Building in this city, which, according to drawing No. 116 of the set included in Mr. James A.McGonigle's contract for the Completion(except certain vaults, plumbing, etc), should be ten feet long, I have to state that in placing the iron work of second story ceiling and furring, lathing and plastering the girders, the finished plaster line at soffits of girders is 9'-11 1/2" from the floor line. The contractors for the marble work took measurements some months ago and decided that the columns could only be 9'-10 1/2" as they were of the opinion that would be the height of finished plaster line of under girders and they ordered the marble columns of that length. Afterwards the contractor's foreman, the marble men and myself took measurements and we decided that the columns should be 9'-11 1/2" which is correct, as the plastering of soffits of girders has been applied.

It is now a question as to the method of increasing the length of the marble columns. Will it be satisfactory to place a 1 inch slab on the top of the column at the joint beneath the cap, or will some other

method be necessary? I have also to ask whether I shall permit the work to be done by inserting an additional piece of marble, which the contractor is willing to do, or shall I obtain from him a proposal for the change.

As it is understood the marble will all be in the city by tomorrow it is desired that instructions be given as early as convenient in order to cause as little delay as possible.

Respectfully,

Superintendent.

Construction,

Mint Building,

Denver, Colo., April 29,1904.

Mr. J.K. Taylor,

Supervising Architect,

Treasury Department, Washington, D.C.

Sir:-

I am in receipt of your letter (initial F.B.W.) of the 26th instant enclosing copy of Office letter of even date addressed to S. Faith & Company, contractors for the Mechanical Equipment of the Mint Building in this city, rejecting the sample of cable submitted for use in connection with the elevators under their contract, and directing me to furnish a sample of the new cables when same are delivered at the building, and in reply I will state that I will direct the contractors to remove from the building the cables represented by the rejected sample and will forward to you a sample of the new cables as soon as the same has been received.

Respectfully,

Superintendent.